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Nato takes tough line in Bosnia

SAS kill war crime suspect in shoot-out

By Tom Walker in sarajevo and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

SAS soldiers shot dead an indicted war criminal and arrested another yesterday as part of a new tough stand against men accused of geno-cide and crimes against humanity in Bosnia.

It was the first time that troops in the Nato-led peacekeeping force had sought out wanted men and the operation, codenamed Tango, came after a clear signal from the Nato summit in Madrid on Tuesday that more determined action was needed.

Authorisation for the arrest of Simo Drijaca, the former Serb police chief of Prijedor. and Milan Kovacevic, director of the town's hospital and former mayor, had been given at the highest level. General William Crouch, American commander of the 35,000-strong Stabilisation Force (Sfor) in Bosnia, contacted both Javier Solana, Nato Secretary-General, and General. George Joulwan, Supreme Al-

hed Commander Europe. Although the Sfor soldiers are entitled to arrest any indicted war criminals if they come across them in their normal duties. Nato sources said General Crouch had sought high-level author-isation because of the statements on war criminals made at the Madrid summit.

While Nato officials emphasised that the summit had not given Sfor commanders new orders, it was admitted that there would now be a more robust interpretation of the mandate.

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The two Serbs targeted by the SAS yesterday had been secretly indicted on genocide charges by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, "Sealed indictments", passed to Sfor in Sarajevo, accuse them of war crimes



Drijaca: shot dead outside restaurant

against the people of Prijedor in northwest Bosnia, which was the subject of ruthers "ethnic cleansing" in the early stages of the Bosnia war in 1992.

The SAS team, supported by American Black Hawk heli-copters, arrested Milan Kovacevic at the Prijedor Hospital

However, when they challenged Simo Drijaca outside a restaurant in the outskirts of Prijedor, he opened fire with a pistol; slightly injuring one of the soldiers in the leg. The SAS returned fire and he was killed. Two other people were detained, and three handguns were recovered at the scene. The injured British soldier was transferred to the Ameri-

can military hospital in Tuzia.

Last night Mr Kovacevic arrived in The Hague where he will be held in custody to await trial.

The action was welcomed by Nato leaders who have been frustrated by the failure of the local communities in Bosnia to hand over indicted war criminals, as they are obliged to do under the Dayton peace accord. It also served as a warning to Radovan Karadzic, the former

is charged with genocide.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said: "I'm very proud of the performance of the British forces in this operation. They have shown very considerable courage. The use of firearms on this occasion does demonstrate the risks that they took." However, when asked

whether operations would be mounted against other people on the list of 76 wanted war criminals, he said: Nobody knew of this operation before it took place and nobody will know of any future operation." In a statement to MPs, the

Defence Secretary George Robertson said that the Serb leaders had been left in no doubt about Nato's resolve to bring to justice those accused of "such terrible acts. We will take action as and when it is practical and sensible to do

The action in Bosnia had been a serious declaration of intent and all those indicted knew what they had done. He wondered how they could sleep in bed at night at all and added they would "certainly not sleep any sounder as result of today's action".

People had suffered unimaginable horrors during the Bosniari war and British troops had served with skill and professionalism to restore some semblance of normality. Mr Robertson said.

Sir George Young, the Shadow Defence Secretary, offered full support for the action taken and Martin Bell, the independent MP who was injured while reporting in Bosnia for the BBC, said: "It's been a long time coming."

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A hunt supporter acknowledges the cheers of the demonstrators in Hyde Park

Maxwell costs hit creditors

A High Court judge described as "profoundly shocking" fig-ures showing that all but £60,000 of the £1.68 million personal estate of the late Robert Maxwell will be swallowed up in fees.

Mr Justice Ferris said that if the sums claimed by Buchler Phillips, an insolven-cy firm, were paid in full, the receivership would have given creditors nothing. Page Zi

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Mortgages poised to rise again as worried Bank puts up interest rates

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY NATHAN YATES AND PHILIP WEBSTER

MILLIONS of homeowners face another rise in mortgage costs after the Bank of England increased interest rates for the third consecutive month yesterday. Gordon Brown, the Chan-

cellor, who handed control of rates to the Bank shortly after the election, defended its action and other measures as necessary for an economy "in danger of becoming seriously out of balance" because of the mistakes of the Tory government. He accused the previous administration of negligently failing to tackle the threat of inflation.

The Bank's monetary policy

rates to 6.75 per cent, with the City forecasting further in-creases before the end of the

Abbey National, which has about 1.6 million mortgage customers, immediately raised its mortgage rates by a quarter point — adding about £7.50 to the average £50,000 mortgage. Cheltenham & ster, the home loans subsidiary of Lloyds bank. also announced it was raising

its rates a quarter point. Most of Britain's other major mortgage lenders, includ-ing the Halifax, Woolwich and Nationwide building society, resisted the temptation to follow suit, and instead placed their mortgage rates under review. But analysts expect that the reprieve could prove committee decided to increase short-lived and that major

lenders will quickly follow Abbey's lead.

The Bank of England said it had raised the interest rate because of evidence of booming consumer spending and higher than expected economic growth. But it expressed renewed concern over the high level of the pound — which has begun to hurt Britain's exporters - saying its continuing rise had "sharpened the dilem-

ma for monetary policy". Businesses gave a cool re-sponse to the rate increase, arguing that it had been caused by Mr Brown's failure to hit consumers with tax rises in the Budget. Adair Turner. director-general of the Confederation for British Industry. warned against further rises sending the pound still higher. He said: This situation must

not be exacerbated, and is itself likely to slow growth over the next year."

Mr Brown, under fire in the Commons, said: "I am not going to make the mistakes that the previous Conservative government made, of allowing inflation to get out of control and causing the instability, the volatility and the negative equity that has happened.

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said the Conser-vatives had hit the inflation target in their last month in power. He blamed the Government for the situation.

The stock market shrugger off the rise, which had been widely anticipated, and dealers expect the pound to resume

Rate speculation, page 27

Neanderthal man was a dead-end

By NIGEL HAWKES

THE DNA of an extinct human species has been iso-lated and studied for the first time. It shows that Neanderthal Man, who flourished in Europe for more than 100,000 years, was a biological dead-

None of the genes in modern humans comes from the Neanderthals: not only did they not survive as a species, they did not even manage to interbreed with the more sophisticated modern humans who lived alongside them.

Dr Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum said the finding was "a fantastic achievement", a tour de force of genetic analysis.

Genetic marvel, page 3

BA attacked for clampdown on staff who go sick

By IAN MURRAY, PHILIP BASSETT AND STEPHEN FARRELL

BRITISH AIRWAYS yesterday told 1,700 workers who have called in sick. in the past three days that they must

The move came as union leaders criticised the airline for telephoning doctors to check on medical certificates produced by employees since the start of the 72-hour strike on Wednesday.

Matthew Campbell, regional industrial organiser of the TGWU, said that one woman recovering from surgery that it is wasting GPs time and NHS

had been telephoned three times by BA staff checking on her condition.

Doctors have already criticised the airline for demanding a medical certificate from anyone who reports sick, when most employers accept report their illnesses to managers or "self-tertification" from workers who they will be regarded as being on are absent for up to a week. GPs will provide notes covering shorter periods, but they can charge £7.50 for the

BA has said that it will reimburse that £7.50 to workers who are genuineresources. Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the BMA's GPs' committee, told the BA behalf." the BMA's GPs' committee, told the BA chairman, Sìr Colin Marshall: "I would like to remind BA that family doctors are not required to issue sickness certificates for periods of

absence lasting less than seven days. The priority of the family doctor is to attend to those of their patients who actually require their clinical skills in effecting treatment."

Dr Krzysztof Jakubowski from the Weybridge Health Centre, which serves the London airports area, also complained to BA saying: "The doctors consider this to be a gross abuse of their professional time. It is not our

But BA, which said it had received certificates from only half of its missing staff, insisted: "We are doing this because if these people are genuinely ill they can produce a doctor's certificate proving it. If they are not sick it is the staff who are wasting the doctors' time, not BA."

Despite the soaring sick roll, BA claimed that support for the strike was crumbling, putting the number taking action at 250. An airline spokesman Continued on page 2, col 5

Foster and the foxes tremble as the country goes to town

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

NOT since Wat Tyler and his ruddy-cheeked band bore down on the capital has there been such an invasion of the town by the country. Yesterday, though, the 100,000 vocal demonstrators

who filled Hyde Park curried not staves but shooting sticks. This was no peasants' revolt but a deep numble of discontent from countrymen and women whose anger at what they believe are threats to their traditional way of life posed by Michael Foster's Bill has burnt slowly but is now well and truly ablaze.

The demonstrations that filled Hyde Park in the 1980s were nothing like this. The pop bands and sideshows and hippies that defined the CND and poll tax protests were nowhere to be sen. Instead, yesterday, the sartorial pedants who insist that green and brown should not be seen in the town would have had palpitations on encountering the acres of tweed and twill in central London.

Every regional accent emanated from beneath all manner of straw hats. Travelling to work on the Tube, a colleague who grew up on a dairy farm said the distinctive fragrance of the visitors made him nostalgic for milking time. Mark Hill, a master of

foxhounds from Cirencester, summed it up. "Old England has finally sat up and shaken itself and realised that it is looking down a pair of gun barrels called new Labour." For although the organisers of the rally insisted that it was not only about foxhunting, it was Mr Foster's private member's Bill to ban the sport that had drawn the crowds. William Hague, leader of

the Conservative Party, was can't see any incongruous in stiff doubleanti-hunt protesters" breasted suit, but he was feted wherever he went (when he

was recognised). "I am in hope people will listen to the arguments of the people here today. The traditional countryvide is at risk of being swept away," he said.

There were supporters of all political parties in attendence, but the Tories were everywhere. Michael Heseltine.

MP's Bill at risk

Downing Street and senior ministers emphasised that there was no guarantee of extra parliamentary time for Michael Foster's anti-hunting Bill, which will win a big majority on its Commons Second Reading in November but will then face a prolonged assault Page 4

Brian Mawhinney, Lord Tebbit and Alan Clark were all on hand to talk to anyone who would listen. Nicholas Continued on page 2, col 5

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Raving reviewers plan a new look at just about everything

that this Government has hit the ground reviewing. A Written Answer in the Lords this week is mindboggling. Lord McIntosh listed 38 reviews announced since May I.

There are Huge Reviews of Absolutely Everything. "A comprehensive spending review" on every aspect of spending. "A strategie defence review covers all aspects of defence. All aspects of trans-

reconsidered in toto in a review of international development: "a review of the tax benefits system" is wide-ranging. "a review of the post office" rules nothing out like "a review of the economic regeneration of Wales."

But most all-embracing of all is the White Paper "on better Government."

For those who like their reviews more sharply focused. however, the Government offers a review "of the law

policy"; aid strategy is to be plants". There are also reviews on surrogacy, "the bureaucratic burden on teachers," and "the breast cancer screening service in

> Admission charging by natsubject of its own review: indeed, nothing is too specific - neither the Skye Bridge tolling arrangments, the National Lottery, the London arrangments for celebrating the Millennium" have escaped the review-hunters. Per-



MATTHEW PARKS POLITICAL SKETCH

haps the motto of New Labour should be "seek out and review" (in the Latin "Quaerere et inspicere"; or, to adapt Che Guevara's "La lucha continua" (the struggle goes on), can I propose "La revisión continua"?

La revisión includes "a bus review," "Scottish enterprise review," and review of "film policy". Reviewing film poli-cy, Mr Blair's team must not

be distracted by a review of the Scottish roads programme, Crown Prosecution Service, "private finance ma-chinery." "arrangements for enforcing the rules on the welfare of animals exported live to the continent," and "a review of steps to strengthen

three public water authorities

Puzzling to the army of review-spotters now gathering with their Thermos flasks in corridors at Westminster is the emergence of the "fundamental review." How is 2 fundamental review distinguished? How about the "strategic review" (of roads, for instance), the "special review" (of Social Fund appeals), the careful review, the "thorough review", or the "contin-

the democratic control of the the "task forces" like the one on Youth Justice). Are these I mentioned a few of the 38

reviews Lord McIntosh admits to. But I have done my own research. He seems to have omitted reviews announced in the Commons into: Educational SSAs, energy saving, eye tests, VED, petrol prices, Scottish Homes, hens, immigration policy, "internal migration." unemployment figures, "the system of justice", mental health, Northern Ireland shops, pesticides,

pensions, pilotage, depart-mental publications, Parliamentary privilege, policing objectives, quangos, service properties, student benefits. asylum, water abstraction licensing water charging and smoking in the House of

So it is with amazement that we observe minister Mark Fisher kicking the habit in just one case "the Government has no plans to review the concessionary television licence fee regulations." What went wrong?

Defeated Tory ministers turn down peerages

Andrew Pierce on hopes of a Commons comeback

FOUR Tory Cabinet ministers who lost their seats at the general election have turned down the offer of life peerages in John Major's resignation

The rejection of ennoble-ments by Michael Portillo, Michael Forsyth and Malcolm Rifkind confirms that they still nurture hopes of a return to politics at the highest level. They have all been tipped as future Tory leaders and are expected to stand for safe Tory seats at the next general election or in a winnable byelection closer to polling day. William Waldegrave, the

former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has also intimated to Mr Major that he would prefer to return to the Commons than go to the Lords.

Norman Lamont, another casualty of the Tory rout on May I, is thought to have rejected the chance of elevation to the Upper House so that he can rebuild a career in the Commons. The former Chancellor 55, whose Kingston seat disappeared in boundary changes, fought Harrogate, losing it to the Liberal Democrats. He had been expected to Mr Major as Tory leader, on a ticket of withdrawal from the European Union.

David Mellor, the former Heritage Secretary, is thought to be on the resignation hon-

Many Tories will be relieved that three of the party's biggest hitters, who are young enough to make a Commons comeback, have decided to keep their options open. Mr Portillo, 44, Mr Forsyth, 42, and Mr Rifkind, 51, were sounded out by Mr Major when he drew up his list after resigning as Tory leader. But none of them is in a rush to return to Westminster.

Mr Waldegrave, 50, who was also approached by Mr Major, also cherishes the hope of playing a frontline role in the Commons. He was highly regarded by Mr Major, publicly supported William Hague's leadership campaign, and could expect high office in a Hague-led Shadow Cabinet or government.

Mr Portillo, the former De-

fence Secretary, and Mr Forsyth, who was Scottish Secretary, helped to persuade wavering MPs to support Mr Hague, in the last 24 hours of the leadership contest.

The Major list, which will be published at the end of the month or early in August, will three Cabinet ministers who lost their seats on May 1. Roger Freeman, who was

mons, and Ian Lang, the former President of the Board of Trade, have all intimated to the former Prime Minister that they regard their Commons career at an end.

While Tony Blair has ruled that future honours lists will not include political honours, there has been a long-standing convention that Cabinet ministers who retire or lose their seats are elevated to the Lords.

The names on Mr Major's resignation honours list are entirely of his own choice. He will also reward loyal aides and Downing Street staff who served him during his sixand-a-half years as Prime Minister. He will abide by convention and publish a similar number of honours to his predecessors. There are expected to be eight or nine peerages on the list.

Downing Street confirmed last night that 25 to 30 Labour working peers would be announced at the same time. The Liberal Democrats will also have about a dozen new peers. There has been an imbalance in the numbers over the last 18 years; this will go some way to correct it," said a Downing Street source. In addition to the peerages on the resignation list a handful of working Tory peers will be created to match the Labour list.



Laura England talking to her parents, Annie and John, in hospital yesterday

the coach crash in the French Alps yesterday described how she had tried to save her best friend, who died in the

Laura England, 15, was one of a group of staff and pupils from St James's School in Farnworth, near Bolton, on the coach when it plunged 60ft down a ravine in the Haute Savoie region. She was thrown 40ft from the bus, but managed to climb back up to her friend. Nicola Moore, despite having two fractured

"Nicola was not breathing but I decided I had to help her, so I tried to open her airways," said Laura, speak-ing from the Royal Bolton

vertebrae.

Girl tells of how she tried to save friend

Hospital where she is being treated for her injuries. "I tipped her head back and was about to start mouth-to-

mouth resuscitation when the instructors came and took over. I held her hand and told mum and dad loved her and all her friends loved her, and I prayed she would be alright." Nicola, 15, died in the crash,

with 14-year-olds Keith Rid-ding and Robert Boardman. Laura said she and another friend had decided to plant a tree in memory of Nicola.

Laura described how she was thrown through the win-dow when the coach suddenly left the road. "I was rolling down the hill and I could see the coach rolling after me. It stopped but I carried on and ended up on a ledge."

She immediately tried to

help Keith, who was the first person she came to. "I held his hand and I could feel he had a pulse and I rolled him into the recovery position.

and they all needed belp so I had to do something. If someone else had been there they would have done the same."

Campaign against devolution wins funds

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

SIR JULIAN HODGE The multimillionaire Welsh financier, is to fund an antidevolution campaign.

Sir Julian, who lives in
Jersey and is a long-time.

opponent of a Welsh assembly, said last night that he vished to support his friend, Viscount Tonypandy, the former Speaker of the House of Commons, who had asked him to back a "no" campaign. Last night, Lord Tonypandy, began the front for a strategist to organize the campaign. It is unidensional he has been so paich with individuals involved in any Europe campaigns during the election.

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Lord Tonyoandy spoke at a

Keep Britain independent
conference during the election
and also attended the Brighton Raily of Sir James Goldsaids Referencian Paint Alles
an interview with The Three
he said. The ante-Sirippe
campaign saved Britain sorthe
nick of time. I think the idea of
a federal Ebrope has been
killed stone dead and we can
do the same here in Wales.

do the same here in Wales The intervention of Sir Julian, 92, and Lord Tonypandy, 88, was derided by pro-devolutionists. Ron Davies, the Weish Secretary, said: "It's a pity that the no campaigners who until now have been made up of Conservative hereditary peers can only find paign who is a tax exile. It is so sad that Sir Julian Hodge has

made his sponey in Wates and

cannot stay to spend it there."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Talks held on Orange parades

Intensive talks were held across Northern Ireland yesterday to avoid an outbreak of ist marching season reaches its climax at tomorrow's July 12 parades. Orangemen: who are due to hold two contenare the to hold two contentious marches in Belfast and Londonderry, met Ronnie Flanagan, the Chief Constable, and community groups met in Londonderry.

The meetings came as Congressman Joe Kennedy, son of called on Britain in a motion tabled at the House of Repreentatives, which was signed by ten other Congressmen, to ban or re-route contentious parades "to prevent ancient enmitties from boiling over into peedless confrontation

Police dismissals

The Home Secretary is considering making it easier for corrupt police officers to be dismissed. Chief constables: have asked Jack Straw to revive plans, abandoned by the pievious Government, to lower the standards of evi-dence in disciplinary proceed-ings. Scotland Yard sources disclosed that internal investigators had uncovered suspicions about up to 30 officers in the Metropolitan force.

Work to rule

workers, i including airline stati and junior hospital doctors, will be subject to limits on their working hours under legislation to be proposed by the European Commission next week. The move would end many of the exemptions in the Working Time Directive. the rules requiring a maximum 48-hour week and other conditions, which were op-posed by John Major.

Floating jail plan

Two more floating jails could be moored at ports in Britain as part of prison service plans to meet the rapidly rising number of offenders imprisoned. The Prison Service has been contacted by the owners of vessels around the world offering to sell or lease ships for use as jails. But a senior official yesterday denied a report in this week's Economist that the service wants five ships for use as jails.

Waiting list fear

Hospital waiting lists will soar this winter despite the injec-tion of £1.2 billion into the National Health Service in the Budget, the British Medical Association has said. Government figures show that waiting lists rose by 10 per cent in a year, and doctors say these will rise sharply once the cold weather starts. The figures show that waiting lists grew by almost 600 a day between December and March.

Columnist's prize

John Lloyd, a political columnist for The Times and asso-

clate editor of the New Statesman, has won the Rio Tinto David Watt Memorial Prize for 1997 for his article Right and Left to Right and Wrong. The work, which was published in the New Statesman, looked at Tony Blair's first two years as leader of the ☐ John Lloyd on Tony Blair

and Ulster, page 22

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of them.



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BA clamps A doctor's duty is down on sick leave

Continued from page 1 said that more than 1,600 cabin crew worked on the first two days and that BA hoped to flights today than it had so far.

Many BA customers yesterday found themselves flying on unfamilar airlines as BA hired ten holiday charter jets and their crews. The company expected by last night to have lown 28,000 passengers on 72 flights from Heathrow and 84 from Gatwick. Complaints that the airline

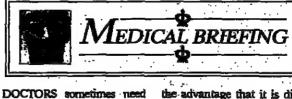
was intimidating its staff continued, however. One senior cabin crew member who flew into Heathrow on a long-haul flight said he was "interrogat-ed" the moment he landed about whether he and his crew would carry on working. They used such intimidation I decided then and there to join this strike now. I am not a militant, but neither will I be bullied," he said.

Meanwhile, Sir Colin Marshall intervened publicly for the first time to blame the dispute on rivalry between the striking British Airline Stewards and Stewardesses Association (Bassa), and Cabin Crew 39, which broke away from

Bassa eight years ago. Sir Colin claimed Bassa had taken or warned of strike action in 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995 and 1997. "No other union or group of employees have acted in this way. We have got to find a way of sorting that out."

Union leaders will decide:

clearly defined.



to stretch diagnostic definitions when describing a patient's condition on a sick note, The person whose pressure of work or family commitments has finally brought him to his knees will probably find the doctor sympathetic. The pa-tient's condition may be described on the certificate as anxiety, depression, insomnia, neurasthenia, or if the doctor has an elastic conscience, even oackache. Difficulties arise when a

patient, who may have a different criterion for unbearable stress to that of the doctor, decides that they they need a rest from their intolerable life, or it is time for a family holiday. Patients in these circumstances may bluritly demand a medical certificate, or may even stride into the surgery and announce with a wink: "it's my back again, doctor.

Sore throats, painful knees, headaches, dyspepsia, diar-rhoea and palphations are frequently offered as excuses for time off and, unfairly, backache is so often quoted as the cause that the many thousands who suffer from genu-ine backache feel slighted. From the patient's point of. view, all these problems have

cuit to check on the validity of the symptoms. But doctors are not em-

the advantage that it is diffi-

ployed to provide additional eave for their patients' family holidays, and certainly not to intervene in industrial disputes. It is most unlikely that any reputable doctor would confirm a BA cabin crew's assumed illness as being genuine so as to allow them to abstain in the current dispute with their management. If the crew member is away

for only two or three days at a

time confirmation may not be necessary, but if a inedical certificate was requested it would be an unwise doctor who signed it without good evidence of physical disease. Even if it was accepted by the authorities that the doctor was not being deliberately dishonest they could find themselves defending their diagnosis be-fore a hard-nosed inquiry. whose members would be reluctant to believe that a steward who was cheerfully selling duty free most of the time was recurrently crippled by palpitations or painful

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

The countryside goes to town

Continued from page 1 Soames, lending heavyweight support to the cause, said that he hunted whenever he could but was also happy to help those he suspected of being of a different view. "Cripes! The Guardian!" he said to a journalist from that paper. "You better

keep your head down or the buggers will eat you alive." In such company the major belief was the same but the reasoning was often different. David Bellamy said that he didn't like hunting. Foxhunting is a cruel sport. I couldn't do it myself. But if people didn't do it, the countryside would collapse," he said.

among the hunting lobby in sporting winklepicker shoes, said he had recently started hunting again. "I hunted until I was 15 and then a year or so I went again to see if I could still stay on a horse, and i did and we killed a mangy old feet."

He said he did not agree with ferreting and declined to be photographed with two ferrets. There were those who wondered. though, if that was simply because he wanted to avoid the fate that had befallen the model Paula Hamilton, who had lifted one of the creatures rather too close to her face and received a rup that required medical amention. "My brother keeps ferrers and I have often been baten." a bleeding Ms Hamilton said. "You:

shouldn't put them close to your face, I, wouldn't have done that," Scott Thompson, owner of the beasties, said cheerfully. As the sun beat down, even more unlikely figures loomed out of the crowd. Johnny Morris, who anthropomorphised animals on television for the delight of a generation of children, said that for him the argument about foxhunting was an imelectual one. "I don't have to drink every day, but you wouldn't stop me doing so, he said before adding it am against anything being banned because of a theory."

Jane Shilling, page 20 Letters, page 23

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doli in lita

out of Africa, Nigel Hawkes reports A BREAKTHROUGH in genetic analysis has shown that

modern human beings are not scended from Neanderthal Man. It proves the contention that Neanderthal Man was an evolutionary dead end. Although he lived alongside

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modern human beings' ancestors for thousands of years. there appears to have been no inter-breeding. When the Neandershals died out about 30,000 years ago, they left no

For the first time, scientists have managed to extract DNA from a sample of Neanderthal bone and compared the sequences with those of modern human beings and chimpanzees. The results, published in the journal Cell, show large differences between modern man and the Neanderthals.

Dr Svante Pääbo, of the University of Munich, the team leader, says this means that they cannot be closely related. It also supports the notion that while Nearderthals were evolving in Europe, modern man first appeared in Africa, migrating to Europe and displacing the

Dr Chris Stringer, of the Natural History Museum in London, saluted the finding as "a fantastic achievement". He



from the upper arm

had been trying to do the same Bryan Sykes at Oxford University. "It's marvellous that somebody has achieved it, and I have found nobody in the scientific community who

doubts the result" he said. The bone samples, weighing 3.5 grams, were taken from the upper arm of the original specimen of Neanderthal Man, found in the Neander Valley, near Dusseldorf in Germany in 1856 It dorf in Germany, in 1856, It took the team several years to get permission to take the sample from the bone, which

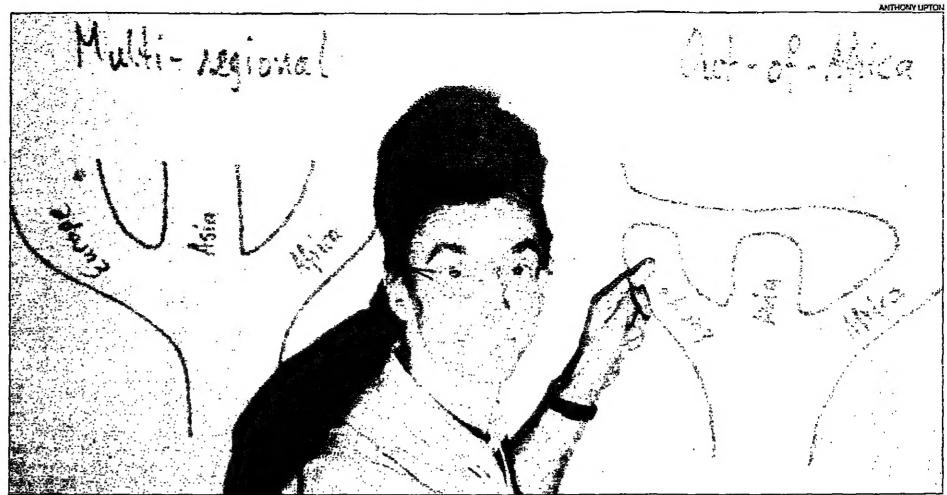
is kept in a museum in Bonn.

They first checked to see how far the bone had decayed. by measuring changes in amino acids. This convinced them that there might be sufficient DNA. Using methods to amplify the tiny fragments they recovered, they were eventually able to build up a sequence of 378 DNA bases of mitochondrial DNA - the commonest type in cells, and thus the easiest to recover from ancient specimens. This is about one fortieth of the entire mitochondrial DNA sequence.

They then compared this to sequences from modern human beings and chimpanzees. Mitochondrial DNA is passed down unchanged from mothers to their children, so remains the same over many generations. The only changes that take place are random mutations. This means that all today's human beings have very similar sequences, differing in this region in only eight or so places out of the 378.

The Neanderthal DNA differed from the human at 27 places, while chimp DNA differed at 55 places. This means that the Neanderthals are a distinct species and rules out interbreeding - at least in the case of this particular Neanderthal specimen.

Because mitochondrial DNA mutates at a known speed, it is possible to plot back and work out when the two gene sequences diverged. The team suggest that this was about 600,000 years ago: Neanderthals and modern human beings had a common ancestor who was living then: This ancestor was most likely Homo deidelbergensis, a hominid found in many



Dr Svante Pääbo explaining that Neanderthal Man died out in Europe as modern man's ancestors came out of Africa. "We are all Africans in disguise, so to say"

places, including Boxgrove in West Sussex. The implication is that this species evolved into Neandertahl Man in Europe, but into Homo sapiens in Africa. Later, Homo sapiens migrated out of Africa and eventually replaced Neanderthal Man in Europe.

"We are all Africans in disguise, so to say," Dr Pääbo said yesterday, "and that's a finding of major importance."

Dr Stringer, who has long argued in favour of the "out of Africa" hypothesis, is delighted to have it confirmed. He said that the same technique should be applied to Neanderthal fossils from other places - China, Java, and Australia - to see if it confirms the

finding. While Neanderthal is still used as a term of abuse, the old image of a stumbling, stooping heavyweight with his knuckles trailing on the ground has been refined by recent studies. "Neanderthals were human beings. Dr Stringer said. Their brains were as big as ours, in fact slightly bigger. They walked

upright, they hunted, they made tools."

What they seem to have lacked was the magic ingredient in human evolution, culture. They did not paint and probably did not speak. Their stone tools remained unchanged for tens of thousands of years, and only developed after they came into contact with modern human beings and began to copy more

sophisticated designs. They lived in difficult times, when ice covered much of northern Europe. As the ice retreated about 50,000 years ago, it became easier for modern man to spread from Africa into what had been Neanderthal territory. The two groups co-existed and may, for all we know, have fought. But they did not apparently interbreed.

Eventually, modern man dominated, and Neanderthals declined. It took thousands of years, and could have been accomplished by something as small as a minor difference in birth and death rates between

population replacement, according to Dr Paul Mellars, of Cambridge University, could have been achieved without dramatic confrontation, let

alone mass genocide. The Bonn skeleton is of unknown age: it has never been carbon-dated and came from a quarry which provided no stratigraphic date. But Dr Stringer guesses it must be around 30,000 years old. The oldest DNA that is generally accepted came from a mammoth fossil 100,000 years old. but that had been preserved in the Siberian permafrost.

Two factors may have made it possible to get the DNA from the Bonn bone. First, it was found fairly far north, so may be better-preserved than bones from hotter places such as Israel, which yielded no DNA and when it was conserved by the museum it was covered in varnish, something no modern museum would do. This may have prevented the interior of the bone from becoming contaminated with modern human DNA by

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Impression of a Neanderthal family group outside Gorham's Cave, Gibraltar

Churchgoing policeman Detective blackmailed prostitutes

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A "CRAFTY and unprincipled" police sergeant who posed as a vice squad chief to jailed for eight years yesterday. lan Vale, a churchgoer and father of two, manipulated police investigations so that one of his victims would not be prosecuted. He also arranged for some of Shirley Campbell's whips and canes, seized during a police raid, to be re-turned so that she could

continue making money. The prostitute told Knightsbridge Crown Court, London. that she had feared for her life at Vale's hands. She gave an initial £5,000 "protection money" during a brief meeting in a side-room at Kensington police station. She also recalled him telling her that

all the local "working girls" gave him money regularly.
Vale, 37. of Claygate.
Surrey, looked stunned as the jury returned majority guilty verdicts. Passing sentence, Judge Christopher Hordern. QC, said that he had taken advantage of his position to blackmail extremely vulnera-

ble people".

Vale will be dismissed from the force. He was convicted of three counts of blackmail beween March 1993 and March 1994. The jury acquitted him of

a fourth similar charge and

found him not guilty of one count of corruption and one of blackmail two prostitutes was procuring sexual intercourse with Miss Campbell by threats. The two-week trial was told.

that Vale, who joined the force after graduating from univer-sity 15 years ago, first "used and abused" his position after being told to investigate complaints about a brothel in Earls Court. He led a raid on the premises and Miss Campbell was arrested. A lorry load of her equipment, including whips, cages, masks and handcuffs, was seized.

Thirty minutes after being released on bail he arrived at her flat, asking for £1,000 a



Vale demands for cash

week to protect her from more police raids. She left her flat but he pursued her and she reluctantly agreed to pay him £500 a week. Later she and her maid to the police station with £5,000, after which she learnt that she would not be prose-

cuted for keeping a brothel.
The court was told that Vale was caught after he turned his attentions to a second prostitute, who cannot be named for legal reasons. She mentioned his demands for money to her landlady, who called in the

A surveillance operation was set up and he was secretly taped demanding £300 a month for protection. Vale told her that she would be "bust-ed" and left jobless if she did

not comply.

Vale told the jury that, whatever he might have said to the two prostitutes, his comments were merely meant to encourage them to become police informants and to provide information about drugs Outside court Detective Superintendent Aiden Thorne,

head of the Metropolitan Police Complaints Investigation Bureau, said: "There is no room for anybody in the est, unethical and corrupt."

accused of M25 tip-off resigns

By A STAFF REPORTER

A DETECTIVE who was arrested for allegedly tipping off the fugitive Kenneth Nove has resigned from the police

Detective Constable Charlie Bateman was arrested in April for allegedly passing on information about the police investigation into a notorious "road rage" killing on the M25.

He was suspended on full pay from his plainclothes job at Sevenoaks police station,

A Kent police spokesman confirmed that the 40-year-old officer had handed in his notice just over a week ago. He said: "An investigation into the allegations will continue and he must report back at the end of every month to the

investigating officers."

DC Bateman and his partner, WPC Tracey McCabe, received certificates of merit last autumn after they spotted a stolen car which led to the recovery of stolen property, a double-barrel shotgun and ammunition.

The couple, who live in Kemsing, Kent, have a three-month-old baby.

Teacher 'sacked for exposing abuse'

A TEACHER at the Royal Ballet School claimed yesterday that her career was ended prematurely in a "brutal dismissal" because she spoke out about the abuse of pupils.

Linda Goss, 44, who taught at the £20,000-a-year boarding school for eight years, said: "It was my life. I still cannot believe the way I was treated." Ms Goss, a former dancer and teacher with the Bolshoi Ballet, alleged that she was demoted and made to teach junior pupils at the school in Richmond, west London, when she

by staff or other children. She told an industrial tribunal in Croydon that her fears had been corroborated by some parents who answered a questionnaire from Rich-

claimed that pupils were being builted

mond council's social services department. Ms Goss said she made her concerns known when she was interviewed as part of another internal inquiry carried out by the school's board of governors. "I felt the children were overworked and there was inadequate attention to healthcare and nourishment," she said.

Ms Goss, from Dartmouth, Devon. is claiming unfair dismissal and sexual discrimination. She said her first intimation that her job was at risk came when Dame Merle Park, 59, had criticised her in front of Japanese visitors to the school. She thought that had been cleared up after Dame Merle had met her and had been extremely complimentary, describing her as one of the best teachers in the school. But, she said. She was shocked when she was told she would be expected to teach

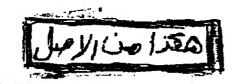
first-year boys and second-year girls instead of more senior classes.

In January 1996, she said, Dame Merle told her her services were no longer required. "I asked why she had chosen me and she said it was because of restructuring. She said I was a good teacher and no one need know my contract had not been renewed. She said she would help me to find another job. She was kind but resolute."

Ms Goss, who has been a teacher for the past 25 years, said that since leaving the school she had been unable to find

Earlier Dame Merle said she had been unaware of abuse to any of the 245 pupils. "We are extremely anti-bullying and we jump on it quite quickly." She said a routine inspection by Richmond social services had found the school to be "happy". The hearing continues.





Heseltine condemns hunt ban as bigoted

Michael Hornsby at the country sports rally

MICHAEL HESELTINE show of numbers. We sent a drew huge cheers from at least 100,000 protesters in London yesterday when he said a ban on hunting would be a "vicious onslaught" on a trea-

sured country tradition. The former Deputy Prime Minister said the only reason for such a law would be "the satisfaction of the bigotry and prejudice of people whose concept of rural life owes more to Walt Disney than to any ap-

preciation of the world as it is?. Banning hunting would not save the life of a single fox. he told the Countryside Alliance rally in Hyde Park, because anyone with any concern for the farming community knew that loxes were wanton and indiscriminate killers of lambs chickens. Farmers would simply find other ways of containing fuxes, and all the other options are worse from the fox's point of view. If we

the argument". Mr Heseltine promised to fight the anti-hunting Bill at every stage" in Parliament. because "it represents an intolerance out of character with the finest traditions of British

had invited foxes here today.

they would be on our side of

Shortly after he spoke, a delegation of huntsmen in scarlet and black, leading beagles and foxhounds drove to Downing Street in an opentop yellow bus to deliver the rally's profest.

Neil Hansen, chairman of the National Anti-Hunting Campaign, said: "Today the hunting fraternity want to get their point over through a petition to the Government this morning with 1.5 million signatures, which sends a signal that the majority of people are against hunting."

William Hague also appeared briefly at the rally. He rold journalists he would vote against the Private Member's Bill to outlaw hunting, on which the Government has promised to allow a free vote. do not go hunting but I defend people's right to do so. [think freedom is important

even if it is unpopular," the

Conservative leader said. In a cri de coeur from within the Government's ranks, Baroness Mallalicu, a Labour peer and keen huntswoman told the rapturous crowd that the rally was not just about hunting. "It is about freedom, choose how they live their own lives. It is about the tolerance



Heseltine: ban would

Mallalieu called the anti-hunting Bill "pernicious" and said the Government had not been elected "to criminalise hundreds and thousands of our decent law-abiding people. I hope we are not on the eve of a battle. We do not want one. But if there is one, the countryside will fight and we will

She added: "Hunting is our music, it is our poetry, it is our art, it is our pleasure. It is where many of our best friendcommunity. It is our whole way of life".

A hint of disquiet in the upper ranks of the Government came in the form of a letter to the rally from Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, a lifelong angler, admit-ting that the the arguments are complex" and promising that "the comments of people living in and working the countryside will be high on the Government's agenda"

To thunderous chants from the crowd of "listen to us", David Jones, a huntsman from Wales, warned that country folk might not always protest so good-naturedly. "This is the last peaceful march and the last peaceful rally", he declared. Loudspeakers boomed out a reading by Robert Hardy of G. K. Chesterton's poem The Secret People, with its faintly menacing refrain: "For we are the people of England, that never have spoken yet."

Among protesters, page 20 Letters, page 23



The model Paula Hamilton with a ferret at the rally just before it nipped her

Bill might not be given support

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government emphasised last night that it had not tary time for the Bill to ban

The Bill being proposed by Michael Foster, the Labour MP for Worcester, is certain to win a big majority when it comes before the Commons in November for its second reading. Its troubles will start later, when it faces a prolonged assault from opponents.

It has long been accepted that such a controversial Private Member's Bill could not be passed without the active support of the Government which would have to provide some of its own time. In a move that will alarm antihunt Labour MPs, Downing Street and senior ministers went out of their way to make plain that no such commitment was assured. The Prime Minister has said that he will vote for the Bill on the second

A Downing Street spokes-man said: "We have not given any commitment on govern-ment time, but we will take this one step at a time. The only commitment we have given is for a free vote, should a Private Member's Bill be brought forward."

source said that the legislative

given to finding extra time. It was also emphasised that the Bill was regarded as a "standard" private member's measure and not one which the Government would feel dutybound to push through.

Yesterday's signals confirmed the Government's caution about the Bill. The Times disclosed before the election that the Labour leadership had dropped its promise of parliamentary time for an anti-hunting Bill.

in the Commons yesterday the Labour backbencher Dale Campbell-Savours suggested that the issue be discussed by culture so that rural groups could be assured that their case was being heard.

Mr Foster's Bill has negligible change of becoming law unless the Government in effect takes it over by giving it time. The Government is certain to come under huge pressure from its backbenchers over the coming months to do so. But Mr Blair will be supported by several Cabinet ministers if he resists them.

Only a limited number of days are set aside for each Private Member's Bill, and it is easy for a well-organised group of opponents to "talk it out". The expectation at Westminster is that there is little chance of Mr Foster's Bill getting through.

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Doctor clips wings of pigeon fanciers

MANY pigeon fanciers are to their sport. Complete being made seriously ill, (Ian Murray writes). Within eight hours of cleaning out pigeon lofts, the owners risk breathlessness, coughing, fever and

"Pigeon fancier's lung" is described in the British Medical Journal today by Stephan Bourke, a consultant physician from Newcastle: upon Tyne. The difficulty with Bourke says, is that "fanciers are usually highly committed their clothes.

cessation of exposure to pi-geons is the safest advice," he writes. Failing that, however, the sufferer needs to wear a mask, coat and hat kept exclusively for use in the loft.

Dr Bourke found that sufferers could not be healthy until they moved house and changed their social circle. were so impregnated with the antigen and pigeon-fantying friends always had the dust on

CORRECTIONS

☐ Professor Mary McAleese did not say it was mischievous, if not dangerous, to educate Protestant and Catholic children together in Ulster (Diary, July 1); she supports parental choice, including both integrated and denominational school-

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play at Glastonbury (report June 27) and never undertook to do so.

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Bill might no death of friend on holiday islan on holiday island

yesterday arrested. Police, authorities carried out an in-who now believe that Jamie vestigation which was holiday resort of Ibiza were

the third-floor balcony of the apartment he was sharing with three childhood friends at bam on June 23 after an all-

night drinking spree. It was the first day of his holiday. Detective Superintendent Mike Stephens said yesterday: We have new evidence which has come to us. We are investigating a death which gives us reason to suspect it may be foul play. Obviously we want to speak to people who actually saw Jamie fall to

THREE friends of the Briton his death or any witnesses to the six-storey hotel at the time who fell to his death from a the incident who were at the of the death. Most had booked hotel balcony in the Spanish scene afterwards. panies Club 18-30, Falcon and Twenties. There are so many bars it is a different world", he said. Many stayed open until form, the time Mr Morgan

She said her youngest son loved golf, fishing and music. "He lived for the day and knew so many people. Everyone knew him and liked him."

Morgan may have been murdered, also began to trace british tourists who were at his hotel.

Holiday companies throughout Britain are being contacted by officers from subject abroad.

Mr Morgan may have been murdered, also began to trace judge. They are satisfied that the English police can continue with the inquiry. We have authority to investigate any throughout Britain are being contacted by officers from subject abroad.

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Mr Morgan had gone on holiday with Stephen Gagg. Russell Braund and Jason Barrow, all of whom are aged who want to trace people holiday with Stephen Garstaying at the Hotel El Moro Russell Braund and Jassin San Antonio or nearby.

It was initially thought that Morgan, 2Z, from Barnstaple in north Devon, had fallen by accident from questioning. Yesterday police were hold-

questioning.
Results of a post-mortem examination carried out in Ibiza have yet to reach police investigating Mr Morgan's death. A second examination has been carried out at North Devon District Hospital in Barnstable. It and the arrests came after a visit earlier this week by Detective Inspector Bill Harvey and a colleague to the Mediterranean holiday

Mr Stephens said that 180 British people were staying at



British model Karen Elson as the bride in black

Lagerfeld yields to call of the wild

FROM HEATH BROWN

ON THE final day of the haute couture collections in Paris. Karl Lagerfeld presented a Nordie theme for Chanel. True to his Germanie roots, Lagerfeid gave his models wild Wagnerian locks to offset dramatically simple

Influences, we were told, range from 15th-century Swedish cavaliers to the Danish writer Karen Blixen. That translated as anklelength skirts in roughtextured tweed, slim-cut cassock-style frock coats and wear - all in the smoky colours of a stormy Scandinavian sky.

Christian Lacroix's presentation was the usual ulticoloured fantasy we have come to expect but, though less garish than usual, full of energy and

The collections ended late with Thierry Mugler's

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Simple dress, wild locks, by Lagerfeld for Chanel

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Jamie Morgan, who died on a holiday with three friends. His mother, Susan Godfrey, paid for the trip

Popular novelist found dead Rolex and in stream

By ROBIN YOUNG

ALEXANDER CORDELL, 82. a popular novelist, has been found dead in a stream. clutching family photographs.

Mr Cordell's body is thought to have been at the Horseshoe Pass, above Llangollen, Wrexham, for some time before it was discovered

on Wednesday night.

Mr Cordell wrote more than 30 books, including Rape of the Fair Country. His titles sold more than three million copies, and many were translated for publication abroad.

He was born in Ceylon and educated in China: He had a career in the Civil Service before moving to north Wales to write about the Gresford Colliery disaster of 1934 in which 265 men were killed. Many of his books were about the exploitation and miseries of Wales.

Twice a widower, Mr Cordell had recently been something of a recluse, though three years ago he threw his weight behind a campaign

Police said the death is not. being treated as suspicious.

Gang seizes banker's his Ferrari

AN ARAB banker was beaten with an iron ber in a London street by a gang of robbers who stole his Rolex watch and

his Ferrari Police believe the attack was one of a growing number of copycat thefis carried out by opportunists alerted to an easy

crime by publicity.

The victim does not want his identity disclosed, and there has been no appeal for witnesses since he does not want to reveal where the attack took place. "Publicity would be beneficial in tracking down

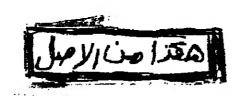
does not want it." police said. . The man was beaten as he tried to resist the thieves when parking his £140,000 red car in Chelsea on Sunday. Three people drew up in a black BMW and ripped the £20,000 Rolex watch from him, causing fractures to his hand and

lay on the pavement. There have been many such attacks on wealthy people in London in recent months. Police, who are not linking the crimes, believe that several gangs are responsible. A spe-cialist team has been deployed



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Weddings no place for children, says minister

CLERGYMAN wants to clude young children from weddings because he says they misbehave and trivialise e marriage vows. The Rev lan Gregory, a ongregationalist minister.

"Little boys and girls not a ban, but I tell parents I not to be there. They can "I am fed up of seeing little hildren dressed up like

or the parents to take control. Instead they just seem happy to let them run riot."



marriages. Discouraging

bers to decline further.

Mr Gregory, and children on the palace balcony after the Yorks' wedding in 1986 pulpit with a collection pot on his bead and was sneering at Some churches are seeing a situations when I have had to were hotels, were licensed for

stop the service and ask someone to remove the child. I am not prepared to see what should be the most important Mr Gregory, founder of the Campaign for Couriesy, for-merly the Polite Society, is a Other clergy were sur-prised by his outburst, which

The Rev Michael Ainsworth. of St Martin's in Worsley. can behave worse, gazing around and talking. Children belong in church. They are part of the household of God."

the people at weddings are



Law chief faces challenge over civil court fees

Prince William yawns during the Duke's wedding

THE Lord Chancellor is under pressure from the legal profession to rescind civil court fee increases of up to 150 per cent and exempt all those

Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, will face hard questioning in the House of Lords next week in a debate on the fees, which vere increased under the previous government without any parliamentary debate. Peersed by the former law lord, Lord Ackner, will ask Lord Irvine what steps the Government intends to take to protect

dealt a constitutional blow for access to justice. In seeking to make the Court Service fully shod over an important consti-Sovernment's duty to provide affordable access to the courts

The increases, which came into force in January, also brought in some new fees. The Bar, Law Society and Legal criticised the increases, which are aimed at recovering an extra £50 million a year

income to £310 million - almost the entire cost of running the civil courts.

Vicki Chapman, policy of ficer of the Legal Action Group, said yesterday: "Couthese increases will act as a by cuts in legal aid eligibility."

She called on the Lord Chancellor to withdraw the

increases and the new fees and

were unfair and unconstitu-tional. Robert Owen, QC. Bar-chairman, said. The Bar-Council is committed to working with others to make justice affordable, accessible and only one effect and that is to

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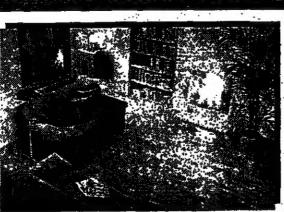
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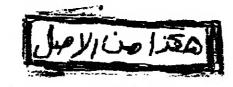
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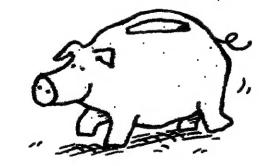
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Skye campaigners claim victory in bridge tolls case

THE future of the Skye Bridge tolls was thrown into confusion yesterday when a sheriff ruled that the legislation giving power to demand money to cross the bridge did not specify who had to pay.

Dingwall Sheriff Court

erupted with cheers when Sheriff James Fraser dismissed the Crown's criminal case against two non-payers. Islanders have been cam-paigning against the charges since the bridge opened in

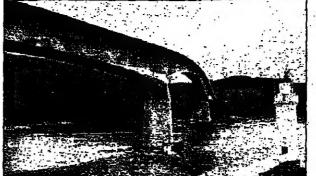
He agreed with their defence counsel. Michael Upton, that the law only stated that charges could be made for vehicles crossing the Skye Bridge, but did not specify who was liable. Mr Upton claimed that a greatly the

tolls could be connected with a number of people, such as the owner, driver, hirer, keeper or passenger, and it was therefore legally unsound to prosecute only the driver.

Yesterday, Sheriff Fraser said: "Legislation, and more particularly and more strictly when the provisions are penal. should say what it means and mean what it says." He agreed with the Crown that the most probable impli-

cation was that occupiers of traffic using the tolled bridge should pay but added: "most probable is not good enough. Legislation must be clear and its provisions must be certain." The decision cast doubt over

all past and future prosecutions for non-payment. About



Skye Bridge, which was opened in October 1995

wall, and 80 people have been fined and given criminal convictions for non-payment.

Skye Bridge Ltd, the private company which built the bridge and is responsible for collecting toils, said that it would now rely on its discretionary powers to prevent

people refusing to pay from

appeal to the High Court against his decision and, the the Crown Office last night confirmed that it would be appealing. The Scottish Office said last night that the Sher-

appear to make the tolls unlawful, nor to alter the fact that non-payment is in principle a criminal offence".

The Sheriff made his ruling a day after the Lord Advocate, Lord Hardie, announced a change in approach towards prosecuting non-payers. He said that only persistent of fenders would be charged in future to avoid further delays at Dingwall court

The two non-payers whose cases were dismissed, Alasdair Maclean, 41, from Portree, and Irene McGugan. 44, from Letham, Angus, were jubilant Mrs McGugan said: "It is a most historic moment." Not paying the toll was the most difficult decision I have ever made in my life. I was

felt I had to support my friends on Skye who have this dread-fully high toll to pay every time they use the crossing."

Myrna Scott-Moncrieff, chair of Skye and Kyle Against the Tolls, said: This is a real victory." The campaign called for outstanding prosecutions to be dropped and urged those already fined to seek to have

their convictions quashed. The bridge was a project of Michael Forsyth when he was Scottish Secretary in the Conservative Government; last week his Labour successor at the Scottish Office, Donald Dewar, cut concessionary tolls for locals crossing the bridge thy half to £1.25. But the cost of getting to Skye for visitors was left at £5.40 per car crossing during the high season, angering islanders concerned about the adverse effect on tourism.

Andrews 'driven to suicide attempt by guilt at death'

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TRACIE ANDREWS, accused of the roadside murder of her fiancé, Lee Harvey, allegedly tried to commit suicide after his death because she was "consumed with guilt", a court was told yesterday. Detectives were seen repeat-

edly challenging Miss Andrews about her claim that Mr Harvey was killed in a dispute with another motorist in two hours of videotaped police interviews shown to Birmingham Crown Court. Asking her about a suicide

attempt shortly after Mr Harvey's death, Detective Sergeant Michael O'Donnell inquired: "Why did you try to

kill yourself. Tracie? Sitting with her arms folded, she did not reply and her lawyer advised her not to answer "grossly improp er" questions. In the interview, on December 19, 18 days after Mr Harvey's death. Sergeant O'Donnell continued: "You tried to take

with guilt". She replied: "It was because I wanted to be with him." Sergeant with him." Sergeant O'Donnell then said: "You are riddled with guilt really, aren't you Tracie?" She replied quiet-ly: "No".

Urging her to tell him the truth, he asked her: "Do you find it hard to tell me about it?" She said: "I am trying to

tell you everything."

She went on: "I just feel so helpless. You are just saying all these things to me ... I've just lost my boyfriend. I wanted to be with him. If I had done this and was trying to get away with it, why would I try to kill myself? My whole life has been turned upside down.

I know it's selfish to take my own life. I said in the hospital that I just wanted to be with him, that I could never be with anyone else. Miss Andrews. 28, who sat

hunched and with her arms folded rightly across her body for most of the video, admitted that she had a "stormy" rela-tionship with Mr Harvey, with whom she shared a flat at Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester. She said: "I know we had a stormy relationship. I know we had our ups and downs but we really really loved each other."

She agreed that they had split up several times but pointed out that they had always 6 I know reunited. She ex-

plained that their arguments were usually over the daughter, Karla, ed, and about Mr Harvey's daughter, Danielle. She said: "it's hard when you have kids from different re-

lationships and

out of work." Earlier, Sergeant O'Donnell challenged Miss Andrews to admit murdering her 25-yearold fiance during a row on the journey home from an evening in a pub a few miles from

He told her that a large clump of her hair was found near Mr Harvey's right hand, with a few strands between his fingers, and that witnesses had seen their car near the murder scene, with no sign of another car, as she claimed.

He continued: "You and Lee have had an argument and you have gone over the top. At the end of it and when you realise what you have done.



Andrews arriving at court yesterday. Police said she was "consumed with guilt"

you wait around there thinking a story up. I bet you stood there and thought 'God, what have I done? There were over 30 wounds in his neck Tracie, that's a frenzied attack ... and those wounds have been caused by you." She replied:

Later, the court was told by Ronald Thwaites, QC, for the defence, that five informants, including one "respectable man", had

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named the same person, known as Mr X, as responsible for the murder of Mr Harvey. One had seen Mr X, a drug dealer with criminal convictions, following Mr. Harvey out of the pub on the night he died.

Mr X was known to be

unable to drive and to travel as oured Ford Sierra: Miss Andrews claims that the passenger of such a car killed

Mr Harvey, Mr Thwaites accused Desective Superia-tendent Ian Johnston of West murder inquiry; of attaching title importance to Mr X, despite information that he and Mr Harvey may have been involved in a dispute over drugs. Mr Johnstone denied this, but admitted he had never interviewed Mr X. Miss Andrews denies murder. The trial continues

Girl's lip recovered from dog's stomach

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A GIRL aged 3 who had her top lip bitten off by a dog was recovering yesterday after an operation to reattach the flesh. which was recovered from the animal's stomach.

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Megan MacFarlane of Arbroath, Angus, was given emergency surgery at Dundee Royal Infirmary after a neighbours 7 st bull mastiff pounced as she are ice cream outside her home. A vet who had been called to the scene to put the dog down, cut it open and found the lip. Surgeons praised his prompt action.

Yesterday Megan smiled and played at the hospital as her mother, Julie, 25, said: "I would never have thought that Megan's lip could be put back on. There was nothing where her lip used to be." It will be 72 hours before surgeons know whether the operation has been a success.

Mrs MacFarlane had

allowed her daughter to go to the ice-cream van alone but insisted that she watch her from the window. She said: There was nothing I could do. On her way back the neighbours came out with their two buil mastiffs and they went for

John Kneen, the vet, said he decided to cut the dog open when he realised police had failed to find the severed lip after searching the area. The only place that the lip could be was inside the dog," he said.
"It was very dirty in the stomach but I didn't clean the piece of lip properly because that might have removed some of the tissue. Luckily the dog owner did not need any persuading. They put their personal feelings aside as soon as they knew the situation.
The dog did not mean any harm, it was going for the ice-cream. I had treated the dog in the past. It was in no way an illnearmed dog in ill-natured dog."

Hague's school fights sell-off

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THE school where William Hague had his first lessons in politics is appealing to the Government over plans to sell one of its playing fields.

Labour-controlled Rother-

ham council agreed to sell the field at Wath-upon-Dearne Comprehensive in south Yorkshire on the day the school won a national award for its sporting excellence. The move comes as the Government began an investigation into the sale of school playing fields throughout the country. Councillors have sold the land, which includes the First

XI cricket pitch, for housing to

raise cash. School staff and governors are now planning to appeal to Stephen Byers, the school standards. Robert Godber, Wath's dep-ury head and the Tory leader's

first mentor in statecraft in the 1970s, said: "Rotherham has an enviable reputation for sport. It would be awful to jeopardise that. Once it has gone we will not get it back."

West Heath School, near Sevenuaks, Kent. which was attended by Diana, Princess of Wales, is to close next week after governors rejected a rescue package devised by parents.

Radley was unfairly dismissed By A STAFF REPORTER

A CLEANER at a public

school won her claim for unfair dismissal after a tribunal was rold of the personality clash that split the ancillary staff into two camps.
Patricia McBeth, 44, had been held in high esteem at Radley College, Oxfordshire,

for more than five years when

a new cleaning supervisor was appointed in 1994 to tackle falling standards. The cleaner said that the supervisor. Jeanette Anderton, told her she must extend her working hours and then moved her to a different building. Mrs McBeth, who earned

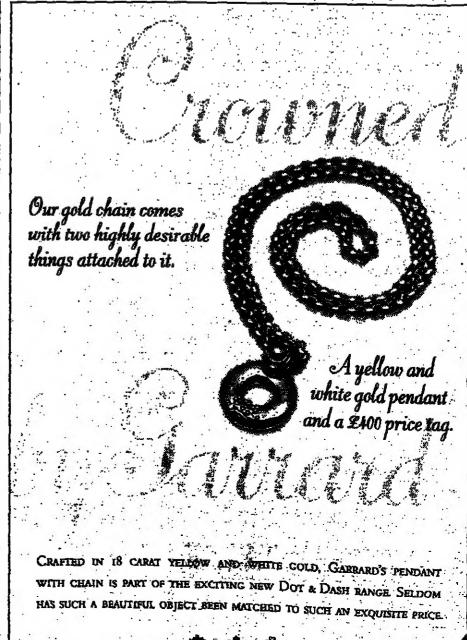
£3.25 an hour, felt that she was

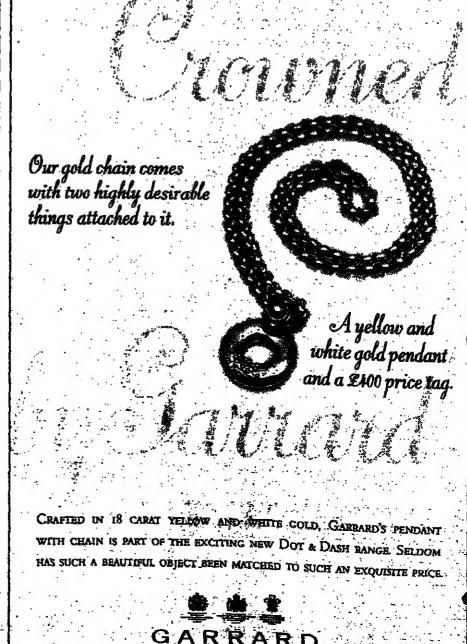
being victimised. The industrial tribunal at Reading was told that the conflict between the old and new guard broke the 90-strong cleaning staff into two

Mrs Anderton began keep-ing a diary. In January Mrs McBeth found the diary and took it from the college. She said: "I was shocked when I read the lies about my conduct and conversations. My husband and I agreed to photocopy it and I gave it back."
Richard Beauchamp, college bursar, said that was

gross misconduct. When Mrs McBeth failed to satisfy him that she would improve relations with Mrx Anderton, he dismissed her with full notice and £1,000 in settlement. The tribunal ruled that Mrs

McBeth had been unfairly dismissed because the college had not made sufficient effort

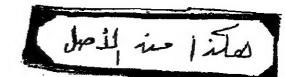






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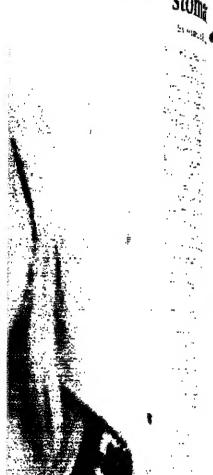
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Tories furious at time limit on tax moves debate

Ministers are again accused of managing Commons

business to their own advantage. Polly Newton reports

THE Government provoked a ought to be scrutinised row over its management of carefully. the Commons yesterday after announcing that it would allow only limited time for debate on the Finance Bill, which puts the Budget measures onto the statute book.

Ann Taylor, Leader of the House, angered Opposition MPs when she told the House that the committee stage of the Bill would be guillotined. Mrs Taylor said the committee that scrutinises the Bill would meet on five separate days, allowing for up to ten

It is not the first time that the Labour Government has used the guillotine to curtail debate on legislation. Last month it limited the amount of time for discussion by MPs of Bills allowing for referendums on devolution for Scotland

Gillian Shephard, Shadow Leader of the House, accused the Government yesterday of treating the House with "high handedness and disdain".

And Paul Tyler, the Liberal Mrs Taylor to remember that

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His colleague Edward Davey said that the Government's "manic attempt to leg-Prozac trip". He added: "Despite our willingness to scrutinise this Bill in the spirit

of constructive criticism, the

Government is not allowing

Mrs Taylor defended the Government's decision. insisting that it was allowing proportionately more time for debate on the Finance Bill than was permitted last year. She said there had been 14 sittings of the Finance Committee after the 1996 Budget to scrutinise a Bill with III clauses. This time there would be 10 sittings to consider 53

In addition, the committee had been expanded to a total of 35 members, and the Bill would spend two days at report stage compared with one last year.

Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that ministers had been left with no choice but to impose a guillotine after failing to reach

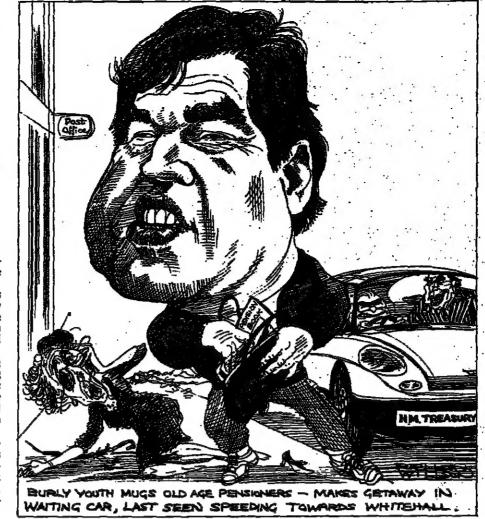
agreement with the Opposition on a finishing date for the Bill's comminee stage. He added: "It is in no-one's

interest that uncertainty should continue beyond the summer recess and it is in everyone's interest that the Bill becomes law by August."

Opening the second reading debate on the Bill, Mr Darling said: "I acknowledge there are measures in it which are controversial but there is still ample time for the House to consider amendments."

He said that the Government had been more generous than the previous Conservative administration, trying at every stage to co-operate with the Opposition. "Having endured ten years in Opposition. I am not aware that the then Government ever extended to us the courtesies that we are now extending to them."

He claimed that the Conservatives' attempt to prolong debate deliberately or "filibuster" during the passage of earlier legislation to scrap the Assisted Places Scheme underlined the need to ensure "orderly" progress on the Finance Bill. And he recalled that the



previous Tory Government had used the guillotine 82 times on 61 Bills.

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, pointed out this amounted to an average of just more than three a year. Mrs Taylor said the Bill would bring "very major benefits" to many people and it was

important to push ahead with

The former Tory Cabinet Minister Peter Brooke (Cities of London and Westminster) said that many people in his constituency who wanted to advise on the detail of the Budget would be put under "very considerable strain" because of the guillotine motion. He added: "Was the Bank of England consulted as to whether this accelerated

process was sensible on so complex an issue?"

The Finance Bill includes the Government's plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities to finance a Welfareto-Work scheme for the longterm unemployed and the young unemployed, as well as plans to cut VAT on fuel and abolish tax credits on pension fund dividends.

Brown's haste creates danger of bad tax law

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

ost House of Commons rows are bogus: arguments over party advantage selfrighteously dressed up as constitutional principle. But yesterday's protest by Gillian Shephard, Shadow Leader of the Commons, over the imposition of a guillotine on the Finance Bill was, for once, justified. This is less because of the guillotine proposal itself than because of the rushed way the Bill is being pushed through to become aw before the summer recess starts on July 31.

The imposition of the guillotine, the second so far in this Parliament, is not only indicative of an executive minded arrogance of some ministers, but also has implications spreading far beyond the Pal-ace of Westminster. There is a danger of important new tax provisions being defective and damaging the interests of thousands of businesses and

millions of taxpayers.

The latest row is not justabout the rights of the Commons, but also about the rights of tampayers. Normally, affected bodies have plenty of time to comment on a Finance Bill. With the November Bud-gets of recent years, there has usually been over a month before the Finance Bill is published, then consideration in the Commons is spread

other aspects are discussed says about reforming the unstains in standing commit. Commons and improving legter. So a process usually islation, if it deferred some lasting between five and seven proposals until the autumn, weeks has been proposed into. But that is not the current lasting between five and seven weeks has been truncated into two. The Bill is, admittedly, mood in Whitehall, and espeshorter than usual ibut it contains big changes that

Opposition, such as the abolition of the dividend tax credit for pension funds, changes in foreign income dividends and taxation of dealers. These have far-reaching implications, but business has not had enough time to comment.

The defence offered by Ann Taylor, Leader of the Com-mons, was that, pro rate, the Government is giving more time for the committee stage of this Bill as was given for last year's. In the formal sense, this is right Ahead of the publication of the timetable motion, the number of sittings and time for report stage does not appear unreasonable. And there is nothing wrong in principle with pro-posing a guillotine to timeta-

But that is not really the point. It is not the total time for debate in Parliament that matters, but the time for consultation outside. It would have been far better if the Bill had been split in two. The proposals on the windfall tax oreshadowed and discussed before the election), increased excise duties and mortgage fax relief could have been included in a shorter Bill enacted this month, with the complicated new proposals affecting companies and pension funds put in a second Bill This would allow time for

in the Commons is spread over two in three months. This gives ample time for those affected to make representations to the Preasury, the Inland Revenue and the Costoms and English Often units tended and mappine attended attended and ments if necessary.

This would allow time for adequate debate and amendments, if necessary.

Bill also goes against the spirit of the proposals for increased consultation on legislation. Including both draft clauses and inquiries by Commonsultation now. The Fig. considered on the floor of the more. The Government could Commons next weeks before show that it means what it

> cially the Treasury. PETER RIDDELL

Top pay deal goes ahead

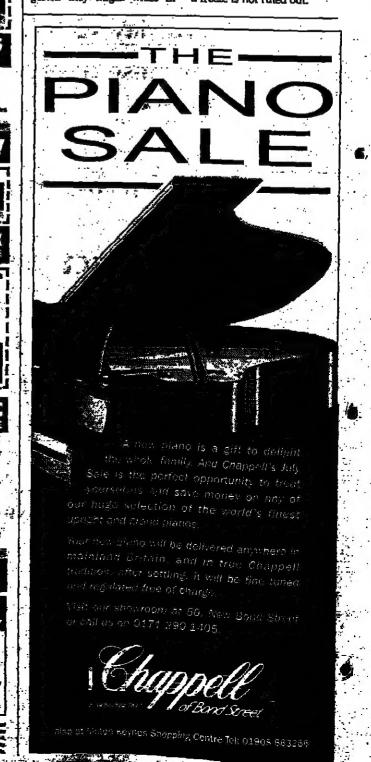
JUDGES and senior military officers have had the threater the second phase of their pay rise this year removed (Philip decided would not be worth-Webster writes). Treasury while However, Gordon ministers have confirmed that Brown, the Chancellor, is certhey cannot stop the second stage of this year's top people's into account as he determines pay award as they had suggested they might while in a freeze is not ruled out.

Labour had not proposed in

Opposition. To do so would have required special legislation, which ministers have tain to take this year's award

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Salmon spotted in Kent river cleaned of sewage

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SALMON have been found in the Medway for the first time in more than a hundred years, a sign of their remarkable recovery across Britain.

Conservationists and officials at the Environment Agency said yesterday that clean-up campaigns on many rivers were beginning to pay off. Salmon are returning to the Trent in significant numbers and are being seen in the Tees, Tyne, Humber and Ebbw.

The agency's northeastern office said that a salmon was spotted on the River Don, near Doncaster, last year. "Our staff could not believe it was real," a spokeswoman said. "But the fact that it has survived is a testimony to how once heavily polluted rivers

are getting cleaner."

The salmon discovered in the Medway, in Kent, was just below Allington lock, north of Maidstone. Until recently the river was heavily polluted by sewage and discharges from

The salmon weighed 10lbs and was in beautiful condition," a spokesman for the agency's southern region said.
"Its mate, estimated to be a
12lb to 15lb fish, leapt into the air, pirouetted, and swam off down river at top speed." The last official confirmation of salmon in the Medway was in

John Cave, the agency's Kent area fisheries scientist, said: The return of salmon is

indicative of environmental improvements because the species requires good quality water in which to thrive."

Chris Poupard, of the Salmon and Trout Association, said that the salmon may have spawned in the Thames. Salmon were first seen returning to the Thames in 1974 and

great efforts have been made

to allow the salmon to get over locks and weirs to spawning At the moment, returning salmon in the Medway are unlikely to raise young. In the past they would have been able to reach the river's headwaters, which run into East Sussex. But locks and other barriers now bar their path.

ted was found dead. The agency is to look at ways of making it easier for Medway salmon to spawn. Cleaning estuaries in other

Later yesterday the female salmon which had been spot-



heavily polluted by industry is also boosting fish popula-tions. Salmon are being seen in the Swale and Ure in Yorkshire, following a cleanup of the Humber. A spokesman for the agency's northwest region said yesterday that salmon had been confirmed in the Calder in Lancashire for the first time in years. Experts say that the next big river where salmon

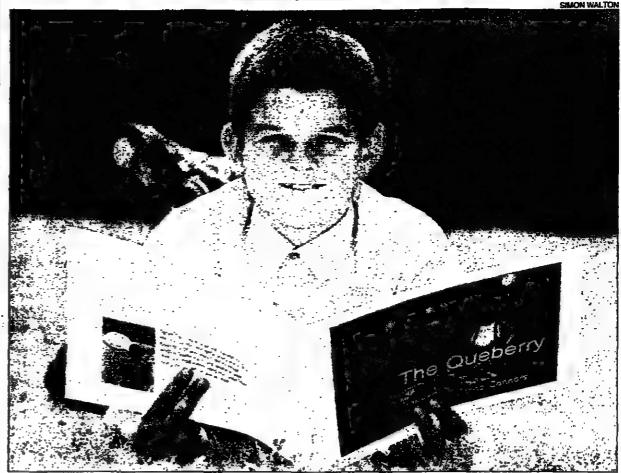
could return is the Mersey

where strenuous efforts are

under way to clean up decades Other rivers witnessing a return of salmon since the early 1980s are the Taff and the Rhymney, which meet the sea at Cardiff. The Taff used to run black with enal dust during heavy rain. The Ebbw, whose mouth is at Newport, saw salmon return in the early 1990s. It used to be so polluted

by a steelworks that it ran red.

However, some rivers that once had good salmon stocks are seeing a decline in numbers, because the gravel beds in which salmon spawn have silted up. Researchers have linked the damage to urbanisation of the countryside, so that rain, instead of soaking into the soil, is swept off roads and concrete, washing mud into waterways. Farmers also now plough fields up to the edges of rivers, and so more mud and silt is washed off the land and there is greater erosion of the river bank.



Jacob Connors, 10, who has a reading age of 5. His book is being used in schools and is to go on sale

By PAUL WILKINSON

JACOB CONNORS has had his first book published at the age of 10, even though he can barely read or write. He dictated his fantasy story, The Queberry, into a tape recorder and it was transcribed by his teacher.

The book tells the story of underworld creatures called queberries. They are fat with long, pointed chins and banana-shaned arms, and have a habit of flicking half-easen sausages at people.

Jacob, from Bradford, who has the reading ability of a

Boy's fantasy tale becomes reality

tion while camping in the Lake District with his family. Soon afterwards his teacher at Gregory Middle School asked him to go through the alphabet marning an animal beginning with each letter. When he got to Q he said

ment and are to go on sale in book shops in Bradford. Schools in the area are using the book in language development classes, Jacob said: "I can't wait to

see the book on sale in the shops. I'm getting much bet-ter at reading and writing now. I like telling stories and I'd love to write for a living when I'm older."

John Flockton, his head teacher, aid: "Jacob has struggled with reading and writing since he joined us nearly two years ago. Seeing his story in print has boosted

Rail firms are given ultimatum to improve helplines

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

RAIL companies will today be given 28 days to improve telephone inquiry services or face fines running into hundreds of thousands of pounds.

John Swift, the rail regulator, yesterday criticised the train operators for failing to make lasting improvements on the "awful" performance of the service in April. He also east doubt on the train companies' ability to stick to their targets of answering nine out of ten calls over the next four

The inquiry service has been heavily criticised since it was set up last year. At times barely half of the five million calls each month have been answered and Mr Swift has demanded that changes are made by August 8.

The 13 train operating companies running 25 franchises will be sent an enforcement order today instructing them to answer nine out of ten calls or face heavy fines. A sliding scale of fines will be imposed for every percentage point they fall below 90 per cent. If the companies hit 89 per cent, they face a collective fine of £50,000. If they fall to 74 per cent they will have to pay a £1.45 million penalty. Train operators say they have appointed hundreds of extra staff to ensure an improved service but they admit that the 90 per cent target will be hard to

Mr Swift is concerned at the inconsistent information given by the inquiry service and at local stations. Results are expected shortly from a survey in which 5,000 inquiries were made on timetable and fare information. Mr Swift said the level of calls answered had been improving until April. when it dipped to 51 per cent. In May the figure was 65 per cent but it dropped again to 55 per cent last month.

The Association of Train Operating Companies had said it was on target to reach the required standards within weeks but Mr Swift said: "I hope this proves to be true . . but I have yet to be convinced that these estimates are

ITV poaches Capital Radio boss to win back missing viewers

ITV has poached Richard Eyre, the most successful figure in commercial radio, to be its chief executive in an attempt to reverse its declining ratings and restore the confidence of

its paymasters, the advertisers. The appointment will catapult Mr Eyre, who has run Capital Radio for nearly six years, to the top of Britain's biggest television organisation as it faces challenges from Channel 5 and the impending launch of scores of Radio's expansion from two radio digital channels. He will be paid licences to 12, will have to halt the about £500,000 a year. His first task steady decline in ITV's viewing

will be to create a strengthened and centralised management structure for ITV and to fill a number of senior positions. The job of ITV network director will fall open at the end of August when Marcus Plantin leaves. David Liddiment, of Granada UK Broadcasting, and Nick Elliot, head of drama at ITV, are strong contenders. The new ITV chief executive will also need to appoint a new marketing

director and a commercial director. Mr. Eyre, 43, who oversaw Capital share, which has dropped from 36 per cent in the early 1990s to 32 per cent now. ITV has suffered badly at the hands of BBCl, which now lags only 25 percentage points behind it, against 8 points four years ago.

Although best known for his work in radio, Mr Eyre spent much of his

early career in television advertising. He is widely respected for his strength of purpose and his integrity. It is understood that his skills as a conciliator brought him to the attention of ITV, which has suffered from

the independent television network to pull together. ITV has had no chief executive for two years, believing that the job was not relevant to its federal structure. With a cut in the number of ITV companies from 15 to seven. there is now a widespread recognition within the industry, however, that the broadcaster needs a leaner,

more centralised structure if it is to maintain its lead as the dominant television player. Leslie Hill, chairman of ITV, said: The ITV companies recognise that it the inability of the big and small is good to have somebody who knows regional broadcasters that make up the industry from the advertising

perspective ... The idea is to give him more power and responsibility than the post has had in the past." Mr Eyre, who will be leaving Capital on September 30, said in a statement yesterday: This is a

by the story Jacob recounted

that she persuaded Bradford

City Council's education de-

partment to publish it, with the aid of grants from the

Department for Education

and Employment and the European Union. Copies,

price £3.50, are available from the education depart-

unique challenge. There are enormous opportunities for ITV to build on its position as the country's most popular channel." His position at Capital Radio will be filled by David Mansfield, 43, the company's group managing director.

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Heritage team adopts image fit for the future

BY CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

IF ANYTHING symbolises the Government's determination to bring a new ap-proach to Whitehall, it is the plans for the Department of National Heritage, Ministers have decided to shed its stuffy image and rename it the Department of Culture. Media and Sport. Chris Smith, the new

broom, intends to sweep away the cobwebs left by his predecessors. Peter Brooke, Stephen Dorrell and Virginia Labour always disliked the

"old-fashioned" title of Depariment of National Heritage theri is Latin for yesterday) chosen by the Conservatives when they estab-lished it in 1992 under David Mellor. With the so-called Ministry of Fun a mere five years old, the new name is meant to look to the future and the new millennium. Mr Smith wants to inject a

bit of excitement and real fun in what is billed to be the most thrusting and fastest growing department in Whitehall. He has already presided over a name change for the controversial Greenwich dome to mark the year 2000. The rather dull Millennium Exhibition now becomes the infinitely flashier Millennium Experience.

Film, sport, broadcasting, arts and tourism, they say, will be the growth areas of the future. Tourism in particular has been identified by Tony Blair as a rapidly developing industry.

When Chris Smith was appointed Secretary of State for National Heritage, many observers interpreted it as a demotion from his former post as Shadow Health Secretary. But within his first eight weeks he has rarely been out of the headlines, illustrating the high importance the new Government is placing on cultural issues.

Apart from having a public

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Cultural HQ: the department is expected to be the fasting growing in Whitehall

bust-up with the directors of Camelot, the National Lottery operator, over their pay increases and bonuses and ordering them to hand over more money to charity and the good causes (a significant victory) Smith has also struck a blow for "people culture". He wants to force the Royal Opera House to widen the range of cheaper tickets and increase the number of broadcast performances to make

Mr Smith is also keen to review recent changes made by John Birt, director-general of the BBC, to the Corporation's structure and he may soon appoint some of his own hand-picked BBC governors. The future of the much-vilified millennium dome has also been settled and placed in the hands of Peter Mandelson. Minister without Portfolio. Under Mr Smith's guidance the National Lottery will be

run by a non-profit making

body when Camelot's licence

expires in 2001. His department will also oversee the establishment of the Academy of Sport, a centre of excellence

Andrew Marre, the department's head of information. said: "Everyone has recognised that the name Department of National Heritage looks backwards a bit when it is in fact a department for the future and the modern era. Heritage is only a part of what

centre

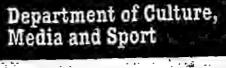
Cockspur Street, just off Traalgar Square and facing the National Lottery's London headquarters, the department's 360 staff are responsible for seeing through government policy relating to the arts, broadcasting, the press, museums and galleries, ibraries, sport, heritage and tourism. They are preparing for the relaunch of the department, probably in two weeks. New stationery is being ordered but officials insist that costs are being kept to a minimum. The department has a budget of about El billion a year.

Mr Smith has divided up ministerial duties between Mark Fisher, whose brief includes museums and galleries, libraries, information technology, the government art collection, education issues, architecture and design, and Tom Clarke, who has become Britain's first Minister for Film and Tourism.

But organisations are call-ing for Mr Smith to "sort out the diabolical mess the Arts Council and Heritage Fund have made of lottery money distribution", as one described

the administration has caused endless frustration. Applicants believe that they are being turned down for the most spurious of reasons and voluntary groups that produce appplications in their spare time feel that they are wasting

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CHRIS SMITH: Sacretory of State Aged 45, affable and eloquent MP for Islington and South Finsbury. Highly intelligent (First In English from Cambridge and Phd). Former unpaid director of Shelter and Sadler's Wells Theatre. His appointment was surprising given his previous job as Shadow Health Secretary, but welcomed by arts organisations. Has had a tricky few weeks after his old Labour outrage over Camelot directors pay and having to hand over the Millennium Experience to Peter Mandelson, Plays National Lottery every Saturday.



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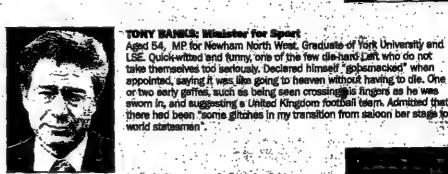
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MARK FIGHER: Minister for Arts Aged 52, MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central since 1983. After Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, he went on to produce documentary films and write scripts. Highly respected in the arts world but can be longwinded and give impression of being a know-it-ali. Various figures lobbled in his favour when it seemed that he would not get the post. His father, Sir Nigel Fisher, was Tory MP for Kingston-upon-Thames.

TOM CLARKE: Minister for Files and Towns Aged 56, MP for Coatbridge and Chryston and Britain's first Film Minister. Cinema is one of his first loves. A former governor of the British Film stitute and a former director of the Scottish Film Council. Promises to devote himself to resurgence of British film industry. More than two decades ago, he entered a short film about football in the amateur festival at Cannes. Also committed to improving access to cinemas for disabled people, whose cause had been his brief as a Shadow minister.





and election co-ordina

tior in the General Secretary's office in TONY BANKS: Minister for Sport
Aged 54, MP for Newham North West, Graduate of York University and
LSE. Quick-witted and furmy, one of the few die hard Left who do not take themselves too seriously. Declared himself "gobsmacked" when appointed, saying it was like going to heaven without having to tile. One or two early gaffes, such as being seen crossingle is fingers as he was swom in, and suggesting a United Kingdom football team. Admitted that

ALICE MAHOR: Partie Aged 59, hard-left MP for Halifax and member of the Campaign group Daughter of a bus mechanic and a textile worker. Former lecturer at



Bradford and likeley Community College.







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Court backs police over identifying paedophiles

Adrian Lee and Lin Jenkins report

on ruling over public's right to know

POLICE were right to warn the public when two convicted paedophiles moved into their area, the High Court ruled yesterday in a judgment that has serious implications for future policy on sex offenders. Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, said a blanket policy of revealing the identities and past of all paedophiles would be objectionable. But in exceptional

of further crimes, the public had a right to know. "The police have a job to do."

The ruling prompted calls for the Home Office to draw up a unified policy for all police forces. Concern was also expressed that paedophiles would be driven underground and denied belp.

cases, where there was a risk

Lord Bingham, sitting with Mr Justice Boxton, dismissed a challenge by the married couple, who for legal reasons can only be called AB and CD. They had claimed that a decision by North Wales Police to out" them was unlessful.

Police identified the couple, who had convictions for rape and indecent assault and had served seven years in jail, to the owner of a caravan site near Wrexham at Easter. Officers feared that they might harm children holidaying in the area. Fearing for their safety, they moved on.

The husband and wife, aged

46 and 42, were given leave to appeal by Lord Bingham, who said the case had "far reaching implications". Generally, the



Lord Bingham: rejected married couple's claims identity of a sex offender should be protected, he said, but it was not an absolute policy. "Although I consider that the policy and the conduct of the North Wales Police fell well within the bounds of legality, the applicants have drawn attention to a pressing social problem.

"It is not acceptable that those who have undergone the lawful punishment imposed by the courts should be the subject of intimidation and private vengeance, harried from parish to parish like paupers under the Poor Law."

Michael Purdon, the couple's solicitor, said afterwards:
"It's God help them after this,
just watch. It is a case with
immense social implications.
It involves the freedom of the
individual and the scope of the
powers of the police and other
crime prevention agencies,
and it has got to be considered
by the Court of Appeal." He
said the couple were now
living a nomadic existence.
Paul Cavadino, principal
officer of the National Associ-

officer of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Officnders, called on the Home Office to publish a code of practice. "Disclosure of identity should be restricted to the most exceptional situations. Public concern is absolutely valid but there is a danger, if paedophiles are named, that they will move around from place to place and make it more difficult to get treatment and for police to carry out surveillance."

He said he feared sex offenders would try to avoid a register of serious offenders, to be set up in the autumn under the Sex Offenders Act, if they, believed their names would be made public.

The Home Office, which

The Home Office, which carlier this year concluded that there were almost 110,000 convicted paedophiles living in the community, said it would be compiling a list of guidelines for police.

A spokesman for the Association of Chief Police Officers said that although policy was up to individual police forces, it was accepted that alarmist, large-scale public warnings were not appropriate.

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Professor fondled two male patients

By A Staff Reporter

A HOSPITAL consultant who fondled two male patients was yesterday found guilty of serious professional misconduct

involving indecency.

The General Medical Council's professional conduct committee found that Ariel Lant.
61, head of the therapeutics department at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, had behaved "improperly and indecently" towards Mr A, 19, a student, and Mr B, 28, a homosexual businessman.

homosexual businessman.

The professor, of St John's Wood, north London, fondled the patients during two consultations in 1994, the committee was told.

Professor Lant, author of many papers on the effect of drugs on kidneys and the cardiovascular system, denied the allegations. Cross-examined by Rosalind Foster, for the council, he denied trying to "disparage or blacken the characters" of Mr A and Mr B. He described their claims as "nonsense and fantasising".

The professor admitted that he had embarked on "shock tactics" to warn both men about the dangers of tattooing and body-piercing. Both men were "irresponsible", he said, and he felt it his duty to warn them that such acts brought with them a great deal of danger if sterile needles were not used.

The committee decided to suspend Professor Lant's registration for six months after his counsel. Nicola Davies, QC, submitted what she called a series of "stunning testimonials". Colleagues had described him as an intellectual giant. Ralph Sweeney, Professor Lant's family doctor, said his patient was internationally known for giving addresses on medical topics.

Care home manager 'drugged residents'

By A Staff Reported

THE manager of an old people's home kept residents quiet by putting drugs into their Horlicks and sherry, a court was told yesterday. Mary Allen, 61, allegedly sedated them with a powerful tranquilliser used to treat schizoshamia.

schizophrenia.

One of her victims was said to be a noisy resident whose bedroom was above Mrs Allen's sitting room, the court was told. The wordan would regularly ring a bell for attention and strike her walking stick on the floor, but fell silem after being given the drug.

A woman with cancer was said to have slept for two days after being given the tranquilliser. Mrs Allen also laced the coffee of her employer, Martin Pascal, to quieten him in the afternoons, it was alleged.

Ian Mason, for the prosecution, told Winchester Crown Court: "She used melleril, a tranquilliser drug used for the treament of schizophrenia excitement or dangerously impulsive behaviour. It is only available on prescription."

Catherine Mills, a care assistant at the Park Manor Residential Home in Poole, Dorset, alleged that Mrs Allen told staff to put melleril in residents' druks. "Mrs Allen said she had got permission from their doctors to give it to them and they had got prescriptions for it," she said.

Mrs Mills said that quite often she had seen Mrs Allen crush up melleril tablets and put them into the owner's coffee at hunchtune.

Mrs Allen, of Parkstone, Dorset, denies ten charges of administering a noxious substance with intent to injure and two charges of possessing a class A drug, morphine. The trial continues.



Fans of Tim Henman prove that their devotion to the number one British tenois player knows no bounds. The "Henmaniaes" yesterday boarded a plane for Kiev to cheer on Henman and Greg Rusedski as they take on the Ukraine today

in the Davis Cup tie (Stephen Farrell and Peter Foster write).

Danyelle Elliott-Brown, 15 (holding the flag), from Sheffield, spends every peany she has and most of her waking hours pursuing her Hennuau obsession. She dresses from head to toe in the clothes of Henman's sponsor, fines Henman pictures to her keyrings, paints Henman's initials on her face and follows him, asking for his antograph, wherever he goes.

"I fell in love with him at Wimbledon

Henmaniacs ready to hold court for their idol in Kiev

'95," she says. "It was after he hit that ballgirl and was interviewed on television. When he confessed to his mistake he blushed bright red. I felt so sorry for him." Among Danyelle's treasured possessions are three of her Henman

possessions are three of her Henman sketches autographed by the clean-cut young player. Part of the attraction for teenage fans is his dark and sometimes arrogant side. "His attitude is so mysterious he sometimes just ignores his fans." she says. "With Greg you'll get a hi, or a hello, but not with Tim. He just walks on by. I

think he's just shy."

The party was organised by Jean Tyson,
43, co-founder of Topspin, the official Tim
Hemman fan club. She produces a
monthly newsletter documenting every aspect
of his career, including updates on his
fitness. "We have 240 members aged 8 to 80,

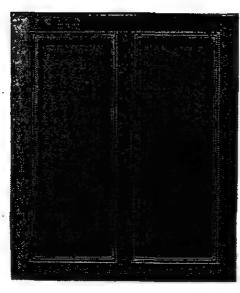
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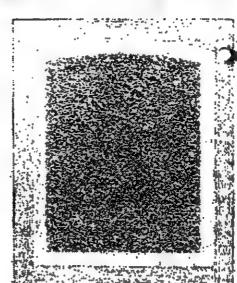
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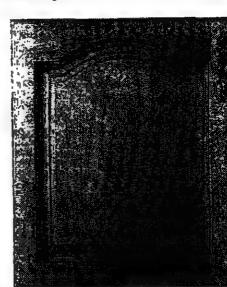
Helen Kempsell. 21, from Surrey, and
John Thorpe, 36, from North Yorkshire, said
they were going to support all the British
players. However, Mr Thorpe, sporting a
1995 Davis Cup T-shirt beneath his
anorak, admitted Henman was the best
British player. "He's got a magnificient
cross-court backhand slice and his high
backhand volley is unmatched for
consistency except by Pete Sampras,"
Two older fans in the party, Janet Reed.

Two older fans in the party, Janet Reed, 66, and Mary Swallow, 57, are still smarting at "People's Sunday". "Everybody said that crowd were true tennis Jans, but they're not the people you find at Davis Cup ties. People like us do that." Mrs Swallow said.

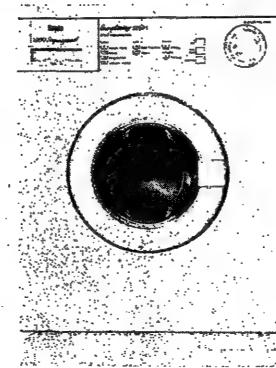
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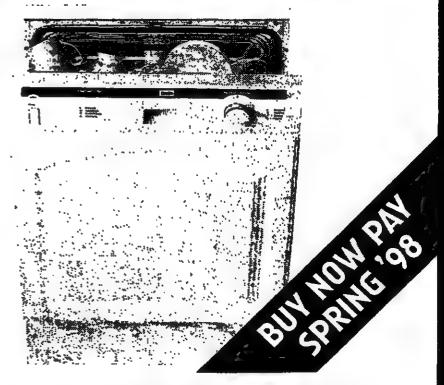
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France seals off Channel near nuclear plant

HOLIDAYMAKERS, swim- of La Hague. Children who mers and fishermen were banned from the waters of the English Channel around La Hague nuclear reprocessing plant in northern France yesterday, while laboratory tests are carried out to determine the level of radioactivity and potential health risks.

The French Government commissioned an independent inquiry into the site near Cherbourg two weeks ago, but yesterday Dominique Voynet, the Environment Minister. ordered an indefinite mari-"matter of urgency".

The environmental group Greenpeace described the area on the Normandy coast as a "nuclear dustbin" after an independent German laboratory rested seawater and sediment collected by the nuclear

Additional surveillance measures have been in place on the beach at La Hague for several days. Yesterday the area was closed off to bathers and fishermen for 100 yards around the plant's discharge

In January the British Medical Journal published a study by French scientists purporting to show a higher incidence of leukaemia among people under 25 living within 20 miles

visited the beach at least once month had a threefold higher chance of developing the disease, the study claimed.

The results of the govern-ment-ordered tests will be known next week. Mme Voynet, a member of the Greens party in France's new Socialist-led Government, said that there would be "full disclosure" of the findings.

The minister said the Government was not prejudging the tests, but emphasised that "if necessary" the plant's licence to dispose of nuclear waste would be re-examined. She did not rule out closing down the industrial-scale plant, which is similar to those at Sellafield and Dounreay, but insisted: "We are not at that stage yet."

The state nuclear company Cogema, which runs the



plant, has claimed that the levels of radioactivity around the site are in strict conformity with legal requirements.

took samples from the water around the reprocessing plant's discharge pipe, as well as 60 lb of sediment from the bottom near the

Health service officials in Hamburg said on Wednesday that the samples were "highly radioactive", containing an average of 155 million becquerels of tritium per litre, far above European Union

The sea's natural level of radioactivity is between 10 and 20 becquerels of tritium a litre, but the World Health Organisation has set a safe limit of 7,000 becquerels a litre. "Appropriate measures will

be taken if the results suggested by Greenpeace are con-firmed," Mme Voynet said. after a Cabinet meeting with Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister. She advised Cogema to "treat this problem with the utmost seriousness". Cogema, which reprocesses

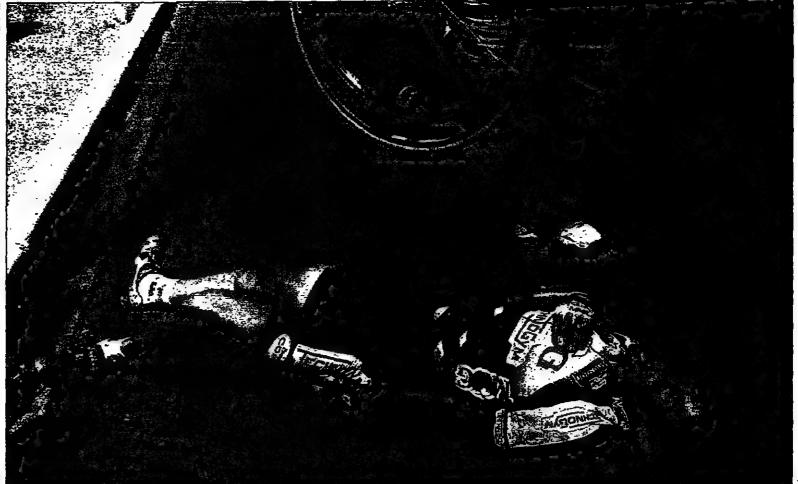
spent nuclear fuel from other countries, including Germany and Japan, last month accused Greenpeace of inflating its figures by extracting samples too close to the end of the pipe.

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Fabiano Fontanelli after Wednesday's Tour crash with a spectator in western France. Cyclists say people with videocameras often leap into their path

Injuries speed calls for brake on Tour

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE future of the Tour de France is being hotly debated after a series of accidents involving injuries to competi-tors and spectators. Hardly a day has passed in this year's cycling event without a pileup of some sort. On Wednesday, the day after Switz-

erland's Tony Rominger broke his collarbone in a fall, two more riders were injured in a collision with a woman

trying to film the event. Both cylists had to drop out of the race and the spectator remained in hospital yesterday after emerging from a coma. Chris Boardman, the British cycling champion known as "Le TGV Angials" who was lying fourth overall after yesterday's leg, has so far avoided mishaps, but as the race approaches the Pyrenees, where Pablo Casartelli, the Italian rider, was killed in an accident in 1995, Tour organisers are facing criticism that the race is too commercial and too dangerous.

VSD magazine described the Tour yesterday as a peril-ous "game of skittles". Philippe Bouvard, a columnist writing in France-Soir, said that "the spate of collisions slowing down the Tour de France and interrupting the progress of so many champions" reflected a wider probiem on French roads, adding: "This two-wheeled slaughter

traific saturation and the dangers of high speeds." Jean-Marie Le Blanc director of the Tour de France, said that the many accidents in this quence of the event's increasing popularity and improving cycle technology. The falls are more numerous this year

made more with a view to handlebars are wider in-creasing the risk of collision gear ratio has been improved to increase speed and, with the seat placed further for-ward, riders have less bal-

and more dangerous than in

the past because the speeds are greater. Bicycles are being

corner in fifth gear instead of third," M Le Blanc said.

The dangers are com-pounded by the sheer scale of the event, which is cheered by thousands of onlookers lining narrow roads and, all too often, spilling into the path of the cyclists. Critics say that the route takes insufficient account of

the sheer volume of people The 190 or so riders are of more than 3,000 sponsors mechanics and officials. Cyclists say the videocamera has made the race more hazardous, with spectators leaping into the path of cyclists to obtain the best, but most dangerous, footage.

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Clinton challenge on 'mark'

IN WASHINGTON

BILL CLINTON'S personal lawver has asked Paula Jones to provide documentary evidence in which she said there were distinguishing marks on the President's private parts after he allegedly propositioned her in an Arkansas

Bob Bennett has asked Mrs

ployee and detailing the special characteristics she claims to have noticed when Mr Clinton allegedly dropped his trousers and asked her to

perform oral sex. \$700,000 (£416,000) damages against Mr Clinton. She alescorted by state troopers to a

- advance. The Supreme Court ruled last month that the case could proceed while Mr Clinton was in office. Mr Clinton last week formally denied all Mrs

Mr Bennett also wants to know who is funding the Jones

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Further rise in rates fails to quell speculation

THE City yesterday shrugged speculation about future rate

trading. Stocks in major exporters partially recovered from recent losses as traders expressed relief that industry had not been hit by a halfpoint rise. Shares in retailers also climbed as the market concluded that the increase would not greatly restrict con-

but the pound fell more than a pfennig to close at DM2.9555, while sterling's trade-weight ed index dropped 0.3 to 103.8 as profit-taking set in. Dealers

CWS scandal

claims three

at Hambros

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information from CWS had or

might become available with-

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appreciate that it was not

appropriate for them to either

receive or use that

The report says that both Mr Large and Mr Salmon

used the documents while Mr

Pantling failed to supervise them fully. All are receiving

three months salary - which

could be as much as £50,000

for Mr Pantling. The Securi-

ties and Futures Authority is

information".

expect sterling's losses are likely to prove short-lived as

The Bank said the rate rise was necessary to curb inflationary pressures caused by strong consumer spending and eco-nomic growth. But it also expressed concern about the pound, claiming that sterling's latest rise had "sharpened" its

tion to the rise, renewing criticism of Gordon Brown for failing to hit consumers with

The further rise in interest rates will dent some of the incentives for investment announced in the Budget and, if the pound rises further as a consequence, exports will suf-

The Federation of Small Businesses forecast the rise

payment costs for the coun-Richard Jeffrey, UK econotry's three million small commist at Charterhouse, ex-pressed disappointment that panies. Stephen Alambritis, of the FSB, said: What small businesses are worrying about the Bank had not increased rates more sharply. Mr Jefnow is uncertainty, and we hope by Christmas that a line frey, who believes rates will

rise had already resulted in a major policy tightening and the impact of the three consecutive quarter-point rises would need

time to show through. Andrew Cates, UK economist at UBS, said the Bank would need to make only one more quarter-point rise before the end of the year. He added that if rates are raised more aggressively "the economy will slow down markedly next year and by far more than is necessary to meet the inflation

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Outsourced A landmark case on

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was decided in the Court of Appeal yesterday, with victory going to the new employers. Three judges overruled the findings of an Employment Tribunal and found in favour of a local council that cut the pay of staff at a home that it took over from another authority. Page 28

Recovery

SHARES in Storehouse, the Mothercare and Bhs retail group, recovered some of the ground lost since February by bouncing 17p to 205p after the company unveiled better than expected sales in the first Stock market, page 30 Page 29, Tempus 30

off the latest quarter-point interest rate rise but the markets face a volatile month as increases continues.

another quarter-point rise could come as early as nextmonth, with some forecasting that rates will rise as high as 8 per cent by early next year. The FTSE 100 index recov-

HAMBROS, the 158-year-old

merchant bank, was rocked

yesterday by the departures of

Nigel Pantling, its head of corporate finance, and two

directors of the bank, Peter

Large and Andrew Salmon

over the Co-operative Whole-

sale Society scandal.
The three left after an investi-

gation by Norton Rose, the City

solicitor, found that Hambros

had used confidential CWS

documents while working on an aborted £1.2 billion bid for

Andrew Regan. On Monday

Nigel Campion-Smith, the

partner at lawyers Travers

Smith Braithwaite who ad-

vised Galileo, resigned to "re-

duce the embarrassment

The confidential CWS docu-

ments had been passed to Mr

Regan by Allan Green, retail

director of CWS. Mr Green is

facing theft charges while Mr Regan and his colleague, David Lyons, are charged with

handling stolen goods. Mr Regan said: "The events

of this week make it perfectly clear that the advice Galileo

paid so many million of pounds for, and followed every

mch of the way, was inept.": Hambros received nearly

E500,000 from Galileo for its work, and was also promised a success fee of £10 million, while Travers Smith Braithwaite was paid £750.000. Both have paid

compensation to CWS. The

Hambros losses on the CWS

affair are estimated to stand at

The bank is looking for a

chief executive to replace Sir

Chips Keswick, who takes over

as chairman from Lord Ham-

bro later this month. The

Hambros management has

been under pressure from Re-

gent Pacific, the aggressive

Hong Kong fund manager, which bought a 3.15 per cent

The Bank of England has prevented the publication of

more than £4 million.

caused by the affair.

sumer spending.

Gilts closed little change

expectations of further rate rises continue to dominate the market, and that the pound will climb to more than DM3.00 in the near future.

Smith Braithwaite. The Office

for the Supervision of Solici-

tors is considering a formal

investigation. Alan Paul, the

Allen & Overy partner who advised Hambros, was on

holiday yesterday but the firm

said: "There was never any

suggestion the we gave anything but the best advice to

Mr Pantling, 46, only joined Hambros in April 1995. He

chant bank Schroders to suc-

ceed Anthony Beevor, the

former head of the Takeover

tax rises in the Budget.
Alan Armitage, head of economics at the Engineering Employers Federation, said:

add a further £50

will be drawn under interest rates so they don't rise above 7 per cent." But economists said the Bank faced little choice but to increase rates after a raft of recent economic data had pointed to accelerating spend-

ing growth as consumers cash

on consumer psychology and spending will continue to accelerate. Other economists were less

hawkish about the outlook for

rise to 8 per cent next year, said: "This was exactly the moment for a shock rise. The

increase will have little impact

Woolwich share auctions defended By GAVIN LUMSDEN

BZW defended its handling of the sale of Woolwich windfall shares yesterday as the stock limped above 300p. The investment bank has held four auctions of Wool-

wich shares to institutional investors this week and today reveals the average price obtained. This will determine the price selling members will get. More than 600,000 former members have watched anxiously as Woolwich's share

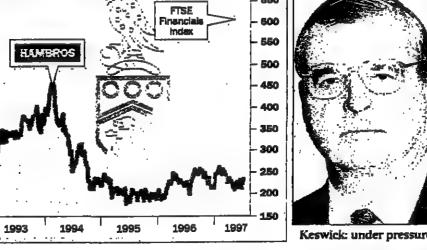
price has slipped from a flotation high of 368 p on Monday to 295p two days later. Yesterday the shares rose 7p, to 302p. Analysts argue that Woolwich is to blame for holding all the auctions after flotation.

They claim this caused a severe shortage in the stock on Monday pushing it to an artificially high level. Only members who opted for share certificates will have been able to sell on Monday

but thousands have yet to receive certificates. Lloyds Registrars, which is handling the issue, insists that it posted everything last Friday. Lesley Johnston, managing

director of equity capital mar-kets at BZW, said: "We believed institutions would be encouraged to bid if a benchmark market price was in place. That has been

studying the report and is Mr Large, 44, joined soon after Mr Pantling, coming expected to use it as the basis 550 for disciplinary action against from SBC Warburg, where he the three. Its sanctions include 500 banning them from working had advised Hobson, Mr in the City. Regan's previous company. 450 Other Hambros executives He has been on leave since 400 have been reprimanded. Nor-Hambros formally apologised ton Rose also recommended to CWS for its role in the deal in April. Mr Salmon, 34, only recentthe strengthening of the Hambros compliance procedures, 300 which are overseen by Edward Adeane, former prily became a director of corporate finance. He was seen as a 250 high-fiver and had been advisvate secretary to the Prince of ing Mirror Group on its bid 200 Hambros was advised by Midland Independent Allen & Overy, the City solici-Newspapers. tor, during the GWS deal as 1997



The CWS affair has cost Hambros Bank £4 million and untold damage to its reputation



Ponsolle tunnels out of trouble

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

PATRICK PONSOLLE, the French co-chairman of Eurotunnel, was jeered and heckled your of a £4.4 billion rescue restructuring at the company's meeting in Paris yesterday.

M Ponsoile was confident

that the plan would be voted through once he knew Eurotumnel had secured a quorum of 25 per cent of the shares held by its 721,000 shareholders. The turnout was a relief to the group and its 174 bankers that had feared they would have to delay the meetbid to persuade it's 600,000 small French shareholders to exercise their right to vote and ensure a quorum. After the Bermuda-based fund, Northern Cross, indicated last week that it would approve the deal, analysts said they expected the £8.7 billion debt restructuring to go ahead unless the M Ponsolle said the rescue

package — under which the 174 banks who hold the group's debts will acquire 45.5 per cent of it's share — was "the only realistic solution which can be envisaged."

yesterday. Some shouted "cheat" and "rotten" at the company's board and brandished banners illustrating how far the group's share price has plummeted.

Joseph Gouarnton, president of the Association for the Defence of Eurotunnel Shareholders, said M Ponsolle had been "out-played" by the banks during the eight months of negotiations with banks. "Why did you get nothing?" he asked to loud

Christian Cambier, presi-

incongruous that the banks should be able to benefit from any profits which are made between 2052 and 2086." Despite his criticism, he

Mr Ponsolle told the meeting: "The plan is robust and flexible. To refuse it would signify our ruin."

had indicated earlier his asso-

ciation would vote for the

He said the "massive reduction" in financial charges under the agreement would help Eurotunnel to halve losses of £685 million last year. Guarantees from the British and French Governments had not been forthcoming, he added.

the report because of banking dent of Adacté, another assoconfidentiality. However Ham-There was anger among the 1,748 shareholders present Eurotunnel had launched a ciation of French sharemajor publicity campaign in a Judge shocked by Maxwell fees



A HIGH COURT judge yesterday described as "profoundly shocking" figures showing that all but £60,000 of the £1.68 million personal estate of the late Robert Maxwell will be swallowed up in

said Mr Justice Ferris.

the court for £1.62 million,

BY FRASER NELSON

salvaged from Mr Maxwell's Lord Justice Ferris said: "Having done my best to set out the figures objectively, i that he was taking the unusual step of sending the dispute to a

separate panel for scrutiny.

The firm was charging £270 an hour for its senior staff and in-house staff.

He also expressed deep reservation over the "considerable" extra cash that the firm

from the El.68 million is claiming for answering to salvaged from Mr Maxwell's the House of Commons Select Committee. He noted that the Committee had little praise for Buchler. The extra time spent answering the Committee's questions "may have been attributable to the receivers defending their conduct from criticism rather than merely providing information".

Peter Phillips, the key player in the insolvency action, was unavailable for comment last night. In a prepared statement describing the Maxwell case as one of the most complex in legal history, he asked that the judgment be put in the context that pensioners have had their full entitlements

Nabarro Nathanson, which acted as Buchler's Phillins lawyers, also came under fire. Its bills would "inevitably raise questions as to the necessity to have used the services of solicitors to such a great extent", the judge said.

A spokesman for the law firm denied it had overcharged Buchler, adding that its fees had been fixed between E60 and E200 an hour

Justice Ferris's central criticism was aimed at the insolvency system. "Remuneration should be fixed so as to reward value, not so as to indemnify against cost." he said.

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If the amounts claimed by Buchler Phillips, an insolven-

cy firm appointed by the High Court to sell the remaining assets left after Mr Maxwell's death in 1991, were paid in full. the receivership would have produced "substantial rewards for the receivers and their lawyers and nothing at all for creditors of the estate." Buchler Phillips is asking

cannot escape saying that I find them profoundly shocking." He told Buchler Phillips

up to £195 for other accountants, he said, which contrasted with the £49 an hour charged by the High Court's

throughout the case.

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Financial services travel well

BY ALASD UR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S financial services companies enjoyed record overseas earnings last year, providing a huge boost to the country's current account, according to a survey published yesterday.

The British Invisibles City Table for 1996 showed net overseas earnings increased almost 10 per cent to £22.7 billion.

Duncan McKentie. economic adviser to British Invisibles, said the overseas earnings of the linuncial services sector had been a major contributor to the reduction in the current account deficit to £435 million in 1996. According to Office for National Statistics figures, all invisibles, which include net receipts from services. investment income and transfers rose £4.3 million to E12.2 hillion last year.

Mr McKenzie said: Further growth in its overseas earnings reflects the consolidation and strengthening of Landon's leading position in many linancial markets.

The British Invisibles survey showed income from overseas services ris-ing slightly to £12.8 billion. Investment income in-creased by £1.8 billion to £9.8 billion and now accounts for 43 per cent of total overseus income.

Banks' overseas carnings hounced hack after a disappointing 1995, rising from £5.9 billion to £7.1 hillion. British Invisibles said the recovery was a result of lower investment spending abroad, which declined from £2 billion to

But insurance sector earnings fell from £0.9 billion in 1995 to £6.1 billion last year. The main cause of the decline was a big drop in the overseas earnings of Lloyd's, which fell from £1.6 billion to £508 million.

Securities dealers also enjoyed a strong performance. Overseas earnings



Andrew Dalton, the managing director, and David Sebire, the chairman, of Robert H. Lowe, the packaging and sportswear manufacturer, raised pre-tax profits by 83 per cent to £1.7 million in the six months to April 30. Sales rose 31 per cent to £17.9 million. The half-year dividend rose from 0.1p to 0.125p out of earnings up 39 per cent from 0.88p to 1.22p. Mr Sebire said that there was "plenty of scope for further organic growth."

Judges favour employer who cut outsourced workers' pay

BY MARTIN WALLER

A LANDMARK case on employment law affecting the rights of thousands of workers whose jobs are "outsourced" to contractors was decided in the Court of Appeal yesterday, with victory going to the new employers.

Three judges, Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, overruled the find-

SIR JOHN BOURN, the head

of the National Audit Office.

vesterday cleared the 1995 accounts submitted by Nat-

ional Savings, despite contin-

ued discrepancies involving

tens of millions of pounds

The Government's savings

arm has been overhauling its

ings of an Employment Ap-peals Tribunal and found in favour of a local council which cut the pay of staff at a care home that it took over from another authority.

The decision had been keenly awaited by employment lawyers, who have argued that the uncertainty over who footed the bills from such a transfer of business was hampering the growing business of outsourcing, or bringing in

accounting systems after "black holes" were discovered

in its 1993 and 1994 accounts.

At the end of 1994 investors

supposedly owed National Savings £37 million, even

figure was down to £33.7

to the agency. The

though they cannot

The losers in this case and a parallel one involving British Fuels - have been

specialised contractors to run

non-core businesses such as

cleaning, computer services

and security.

given the right to appeal to the House of Lords. The cases may then go to the European Court of Justice in Strasbourg.

Rory Graham, a partner in Bird & Bird, the law firm.

£12 million discrepancy in

ional Savings and Post Office

Counters, a major retailer.

had increased from £12 mil-

Sir John said the discrepan-

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The 72 staff at the home we need is the final judgment at the highest level, or a

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posits of £10.7 billion at

A National Savings spokes-

woman said the 1996 accounts

would be the first to reflect the

ues under Peter Bareau, chief

Skillsgroup

warning

over growth

Skillsgroup, the computer group, yestergave warning that the harsh market condi-

tions in continental Europe were likely to wipe out any growth in its full-year profits.

The shares plunged 68p to a two-year low of 126 ap. In the six months to May 3t, pre-tax profits were flat at £6.5 million, with earnings unchanged at 5.8p a share. The 1.3p interim dividend (1.25p) is payable on October 6.

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Kelvin bonus

Ray Kelvin, founding chief

executive of Ted Baker, the

fashion shirt company. Is to receive a one-off payment of £3 million in the run-up to its

flotation later this month. Mr

December 31, 1995.

decision that they are not were made redundant by Lancashire County Council and then re-employed by St Hel-ens. A legal battle was begun The case was brought by Unison, the local government union, as a test of employment over whether the transfer was covered by Transfer of Underlaws. A home providing setakings (Protection of Employcure accommodation was ment) Regulations and a transferred from Lancashire County Council to St Helens, European directive guarantee which cut the staff from 162 to ing workers similar terms and conditions when their jobs are taken over by another National Savings accounts cleared

employer. In the parallel case, the same judges ruled that British Fuels was wrong to change the contracts of two workers who were transferred from National Fuel Distributors because the reason for the change was the transfer of

employment. However, British Fuels was also granted leave to take the case on appeal to the House of

Review by **Britannic** hits shares

By Gavin Lumsden

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE shares fell 18'2 p to 816p after the insurer revealed it had suspended its sales force for a week and is investigating training and competence levels within the company.

Brian Shaw, managing di-rector, said the firm had halted sales while it rechecked how many of its 1,850 financial representavives had passed industry examinations and internal performance targets.

Mr Shaw said: "We are

taking precautions to ensure no customers are advised by people who have not met all the required standards."

He denied the company was

in breach of rules laid down by the Personal Investment Authority that required financial advisers to have passed Financial Planning Certificates 1, 2 and 3 by the start of this month. Less than 80 per cent of Britannic representatives have done this, one of the lowest records in the industry Britannic was one of 24 pension providers castigated this week by Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary, for de-

lays in compensating victims of personal pension mis-selling, having completed just 4 per cent of its caseload.

New York custodian for Gartmore funds GARTMORE, the investment house that has assumed control of NatWest's asset management business since it was bought by the bank last year, is to outsource the custody of its combined institutional funds to The Bank of New York.

The deal, which is subject to contract and client approval, will put £25 billion in the hands of The Bank of New York from the start of next year. Around half of this came from NatWest Investment Management and will be switched from Lloyds Bank, its current custodian. Gartmore Money Management is to close and its 25 staff redeployed. Gartmore said the move would allow it to focus on developing the investment management business. The Bank of New York is one of the largest custodians in the world. The bank has responsibility for around \$3 trillion (£1.78

Heiton ahead 25%

THE strengthening economy, which has led to a construction boom in the Republic of Ireland, underpinned a 25 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to IrE8.6 million (E7.8 million) at Heiton Holdings, the building services company, in the year to April 30. Turnover rose 9.4 per cent to IrE140 million spring Heiton a 22 per cent character. cent to Ir £140 million, giving Heiton a 23 per cent share of the Irish market. Earnings rose more than 25 per cent to Iri2.3p a share. A final dividend of Ir2.2p, giving a total dividend of 3.9p, up almost 26 per cent on last year, is due

Exceptionals hit Compaq

COMPAQ, the world's largest supplier of personal computers, suffered a 20 per cent fall in second-quarter profits to \$214 million (£127 million) from \$267 million after an exceptional \$208 million charge relating to the acquisition of Microcom, a manufacturer of moderns and acquisition of Microcom, a manufacturer of moderns and other remote-access technologies, for \$280 million. Revenues rose to \$5.01 billion from \$4 billion. In the first six months of the year net income advanced 20 per cent to \$601 million from \$501 million. Compaq ended the second quarter with a cash balance of \$5.1 billion.

Three face fraud trial

TWO more men in an alleged \$27 million (£16 million) currency dealing fraud have been committed for trial at Jersey's Royal Court. They are Alfred Williams, 48. a former Touche Ross partner, and Peter Stoneman, 53, a senior manager with Cantrade Private Bank. Robert Young, 43, an independent trader, has already been remanded for trial. Young and Stoneman deny the charges, while Williams has reserved his plea. Cantrade Private Bank faces 33 fraud charges.

Dalgety to shed 109 jobs

THE restructuring of Dalgety's Spillers Petioods business will mean the closure of the Seacombe factory on Merseyside next year with the loss of 109 jobs. In addition, the company's workforce at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, will be trimmed from 400 to 250 by the end of the year. On Tuesday, the company lost 15 per cent of its market value after it admitted fourth-quarter trading had been well below expectations. The cost of restructuring the business prompted a £138 million provision.

Inflation up in Ireland

THE Republic of Ireland's consumer price index rose O.3 per cent in June largely because of higher food prices and mortgage interest costs, the Central Statistics Office said yesterday. Since the CSO has only recently started to compile the country's inflation data on a monthly basis, the long-term rate to June 30 has to be calculated over 13 months from May 1996. That figure, at 1.8 per cent, was broadly in line with expectations and compares to an annual rate to May 1997 of 1.5 per cent.

Lambert walks tall

LAMBERT HOWARTH, the footwear supplier, yesterday announced stronger than expected half-year trading, sending its shares 13 per cent higher to 135p. It expects to show "a very significant increase in profit before tax and exceptional items" in September, when it reports results for the six months to June 30. Most of the improvement came from its Footglove branded comfort shoes. Plans to reduce UK manufacturing capacity will lead to further exceptional charges this year.

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Interest rate change

Allied Irish Bank (GB) announces that with effect from close of business on 10 July 1997 its Base Rate was increased from 6.50% to 6.75% pa.

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Assets of £25 billion.

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Kelvin is set to make up to a further £12 million from the estimated £20 million placing. The company said Mr Kelvin had not taken any money out of the company while it was growing.

First auction

THE year's first auction of Lloyd's of London underwriting capacity raised a total of £2.4 million for sellers. The total is double the amount raised in the first auction last vear. In two days. £46.8 million of capacity was sold.

Base Rate

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited announces that its base rate has changed from 6.5% to 6.75% p.s. with effect from close of business on 10th July, 1997.

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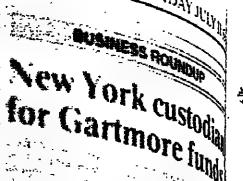
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Chips are down for Hambro

n less than a fortnight's time there will be another high level departure from Hambros. Lord Hambro, the former chief fund raiser for the Conservative Party, will be leaving the chairman's office at the family banking business. His retirement party is likely to be a muted affair, although he has had rather more time to plan it than had the trio of corporate finance executives who exted Hambro headquarters yesterday. They were the men who knew.

or should have known, the provenance of certain documents used in Andrew Regan's abortive bid for the Coop. Hambros is right to say farewell to them and send them away without the sort of payoff which often make such events more comfortable for both sides. But it will take more than this

to restore Hambros' damaged reputation. Andrew Regan joy-fully did his best to tarnish that still further last night. It is a bit rich for the ambitious Mr Regan to try to blame his current predicament on the advice that he received from his merchant bankers, but Hambros, and the unpublished Norton Rose report, have provided him with enough ammunition to encourage him to do just that.

The man who must now lead the bank's fight back is Sir Chips Keswick, who takes over the chairmanship from Lord Ham-bro. But, while wonderfully well connected, Sir Chips has the disadvantage of having been

chairman of Hambros Bank during its slide from grace. As Lord Hambro confessed in his last address to shareholders: "While we had hoped that the profitability of the banking group would be restored more quickly, we remain convinced of the prospects and opportunities for a medium-sized merchant bank providing advice and ser-

vice to its clients . . ."
Well, that depends. The Regard affair will have done nothing to win the bank new business, although there are loyal corporate customers, several of whom sub-mit that Michael Sorkin is one of the most talented corporate finan-ciers in the business. Mr Sorkin, however, prefers cooking up deals with clients such as Elliott Bernerd to presiding over whole corporate finance departments, and, having seen Nigel Pantling helping to carry the can for the Coop affair, his stance on this

seems fully justified.

But Sir Chips may need more support if he is not to preside over a further weakening of the group. Hambros profits have harely budged over the last decade, while those of other finance houses, most notably Schroders, have multiplied. Had it not been for its involvement in



estate agency, the figures would have halved.

Once the property cycle turns the deficiencies in the bank will be cruelly exposed. If Hambros has not found a clearer strategy for competing in the banking world by then, it will look extremely vulnerable to a predator. In the ultimate indignity, someone might spot the opportu-nity to pick up a reasonable estate agency with a bit of a bank

Time is running out for big spenders

to must wait until the middle of August to learn whether the Bank of England's monetary policy committee was unanimous in its view that interest rates had to rise by another half point yesterday.

It is to be hoped that there were at least some voices raised against the increase and in favour of waiting to see the effect of the previous two hikes before rushing to use their so recently acquired power. The minutes of their deliberations will provide a fascinating insight into this new arm of the Bank of England and indicate the depth of discussion and debate which now has such

crucial role in the economy.

It may be the Chancellor's avowed wish to put a stop to the consumer boom, but human psychology would indicate that yesterday's interest rate rise will not have that effect. As the electrical stores group Dixons made clear on Wednesday, what is currently fuelling spending is the flurry of windfalls which have put extra cash into up to 15 million consumers' pockets. For those who opt to take cash instead of shares, the fall out from demutualisation is the equivalent of a Christmas cheque, or birthday money. It is

destined to be spent on some-

UK drinks companies plan-

ning a £23 billion union

There were suggestions

yesterday that the two UK

companies had softened

their opposition towards a

three-way tie-up. However, a spokesman for Guinness

was adamant that nothing

had changed since Tony Greener, of Guinness, and

George Bull, of GrandMet,

flew to Paris on July 2 to

meet Bernard Arnault,

LVMH chairman. He said: "Monsieur Am-

ault has agreed to put his pro-

posais in writing so we can

evaluate them. We are still

awaiting those proposals."

(Dominic Walsh writes).

thing special, not to be squandered in the generality of day to day expenditure nor to be carefully put away in a savings account. Hence Dixons' chief executive, John Clare's delight at the rocketing sales of televisions and computers. These are lux-uries that would not have been bought had it not been for the

generosity of the Halifax, the

Woolwich and the rest. Putting up the cost of borrowing will not stop people enjoying a splurge with these unearned ponuses. Although those organisations which have bestowed windfalls on their customers are now racing to increase their rates they charge them on their mortgages, Mr Brown will be disappointed if he thinks that the two will be linked in the minds of the Great British consumer.

But the wave of windfalls appears to be slowing down. The sales boom Mr Clare is enjoying could prove relatively short lived, even without the efforts of the monetary policy committee. Wisdom would suggest that the committee should allow time for consumers to get over the excitement of their unbudgeted spend-ing power and settle down to life with interest rates which have now had three rises in a matter of

Receivers in need of a watchdog

takes its hols.

weeks. Perhaps August should

be the month when the MPC

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B ack in March 1994, Frank Field, as chairman of the Commons Social Security Select Committee, issued biting criticisms of most receivers dis membering the Maxwell empire. But a special report singled out Peter Phillips of Buchler Phillips, a smaller specialist insolvency firm with the peripheral task of realising assets from Robert Maxwell's private state. It contrasted the firm's fees, then £1.1 million with the meter still run-ning, and the amount indisputably raised for creditors, then slightly ahead at £1.2 million.

Little seems to have changed As the High Court discovered yesterday, final fees claimed were £1.63 million (nearly half

due to solicitors Nabarro Nathanson) against assets recovered of £1.67 million. Mr Justice Ferris was duly appalled and sent the bills to court officials to vet and decide how much is justified.

This relatively small case only came to notice because of the Maxwell name. To unravel the whole group three other much bigger operations are likely to end up charging the best part of £100 million. But Price Water-house, handling the hugely complex mid-Atlantic insolvency of Maxwell Communications Corporation, has already raised \$2 billion, has paid creditors 42p in the pound and should top 50p after lawsuits.

The courts need to show clearly, consistently and loudly that they will spot excess and weed it out. Otherwise, the law must make receivers more accountable on costs in good time for the next recession - soon, that is.

Eyre raising

RICHARD Eyre is a brave man In his new role at ITV he will have to stand between the creative programme people and a trio of ultimate bosses: Lord Hollick, Gerry Robinson and Michael Green. If that looked an attractive proposition, one can only suspect that Henry Beans Restaurants may have lost some of the appeal which persuaded him that his former company, Capital, should pay so highly for

GEC joins forces with Italian market leader

By Oliver August

GEC and Finmeccanica, owner of Alenia, Italy's main defence manufacturer, will set up a 50/50 joint venture in radar and defence systems and take equity stakes in some of their respective businesses, it was confirmed yesterday.
Alan Kemp, GEC Marconi

director of corporate strategy, said: This is the single biggest step towards European defence consolidation so far. We. fit very well together with the The Italian state controlled

company said: "Finneccanica and GEC have reached a preliminary deal ,for broad strategic cooperation in the detence sector."

The joint venture activities wili have a combined turnover of more than £2 billion. The

deal will create the leading European avionics business. The plans for the joint venture were revealed in The Times on Monday. Analysis said that a merger of the two groups is a strong possibility. They point to Marconi Alenia

communications company

that started off as a joint venture but is currently 98 per cent owned by GEC. Alenia and Marconi will now jointly work on missile systems, naval systems, ground-based radar, command and control systems and

This represents a major part of GEC's defence interests. ... Finmeccanica said: "As of now we have agreed the

air traffic control : systems.

owned joint venture for research, planning, production and marketing of the majority of the groups' present output."
GEC will also take a minor-

ity stake in Alenia's avionics business, a Finmeccanica unit, while Alenia will take a minor-Communication, the military ity stake in GEC Marconi's armament and armoured car operations. The deal is expected to be completed by December and is subject to regulatory approval, the groups said.

at Lehman Brothers, said: "This is undoubtedly good news for GEC shareholders. GEC has increased its access to markets and its access to capital." He said Marconi did well to increase its product construction of an equally profile: "In armoured vehicles,

Charles Armitage, analyst

the GEC business is simply too small. Together they have critical mass. The missiles deal will also increase the product range."

Keith Hayward, of the Society of British Aerospace Com-panies, said: "The joint venture is a step towards European defence industry consolidation. It will strengthen GEC's position in the world Market place. The deal is a good fit."

This week, George Simpson, GEC managing director, announced the outcome of a strategic review. He offered a possible floration of the GEC-Aisthom rail and power joint venture and raised hopes of a distribution to shareholders of at least some of GEC's El billion cash mountain.

Hyder to pay tax LVMH ready to submit without cutbacks proposals LVMH, the French luxury

By Christine Buckley, Industrial correspondent goods group, will next week submit formal proposals for a merger of its Moêt Hennessy drinks division with those of Grand Metro-HYDER, the Welsh utility utive, said the company had company, ended speculation not seriously considered a over its ability to meet its legal challenge to the tax. He windfall tax bill by pledging to said: "We are paying dispro-portionately more, but we politan and Guinness, the pay the £282 million bill with-

out cutting voluntary spending on customer rebates and environmental work. It also promised dividend growth. Hyder — formed when Welsh Water bought Swalec, the electricity company — has been at the centre of investor concern since the announce-

large hit it took and because of the company's gearing.

Hyder's bill is high because its two companies performed well in the four years after privatisation. That period formed part of the Treasury's formula for calculating the tax. After paying the tax Hyder will

ment of the windfall tax

because of the unexpectedly

Hyder's assurances over dividend growth helped to bouy the shares, which have be 200 per cent geared. Graham Hawker, chief execfallen since the Budget. The shares rose 214 p to 8274 p.

have to now show that we can

cope with it and produce

Hyder will borrow the cash

to fund the two payments of its

bill, but later it may look at

longer-term borrowing such

Mr Hawker said the com-

pany had opted to continue

extra spending on customer

rebates and environmental

work worth £35 million a year

even though that cash would

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share offer for Roskel SIG, the insulation prod-

SIG £26m

ucts company, has made a recommended £26 million offer for Roskel, the building company (Oliver August writes).

The acquisition would enhance carnings in the first year, SIG said, and strengthen its position as a distributor of ceilings and partitioning systems. SIG is offering four of its

own shares for every nine Roskel shares, which values the shares at 145p, or a cash alternative of 135p per share. Roskel shares shot up 6312p to 13412p, while SIG shares fell lop to 310p. SIG said it has received irrevocable commitments from shareholders to accept the offer in respect of 52.3 per cent of Roskel shares. It also said that the strong pound was affecting its

Stoves to revamp its corporate structure

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

STOVES, the cooker company, announced a corporate restructuring yesterday and said trade had picked up after a difficult

final quarter of last year.

The company said that consumer confidence and high street sales were disrupted in the period leading up to the general election. The market for cookers in the three months to May was 10 per cent below expectations. But for the year as a whole, sales were 27 per cent ahead at £30 million, and pre-tax profit was up about 20 per cent to more than ES million. Full results will be reported on August 19.

Stoves plans to create a holding company, and will ask shareholders' approval at the annual meeting in October to rename the listed company The Stoves Group. The new structure would allow for existing and intended foreign subsidiaries, together with future acquisitions, to report as sub-

sidiaries of the group.

John Crathorne, chief executive, will become chairman of the UK subsidiary. Jim Bates, finance director and deputy managing director, will be-come managing director of the UK operations. The shares fell 72p to 270p. In February they traded at 330p.

Improved sales restore confidence in Storehouse



Keith Edelman's pay package came under attack

SHARES in Storehouse, the Mothercare and Bhs retail

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

Total sales rose 14.5 per cent. Analysts estimated that

Mr Smith was forced to

work he has done".

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group, recovered some of the ground lost since February by bouncing 17p to 205p after the company unveiled better than expected sales in the first quarter of this year.

like-for-like sales were 2.5 per cent ahead at Bhs and 3 per cent ahead at Mothercare. Alan Smith, chairman, told

the annual meeting: "We are extremely disappointed by what we believe to be an undervaluation of the company ... We do not believe that the market has yet given the appropriate valuation to what s a successful track record."

defend Keith Edelman, the chief executive, after a share-holder criticised his remuneration package for last year.

Although Mr Edelman's

total pay was down from 1910,000 to 1728,000, the criteria for his performance-related package was questioned. Mr Smith said the company would in future consider basing its long-term incentive plan on total shareholder return, rather than earnings and share price. serves congratulations for the

Shopping mall valued at £267m even before completion

Trafford Centre lifts Peel by £97m

BY CARL MORTISHED

PEEL HOLDINGS, the property developer based in Manchester, has received nearly a £100 million boost from the Trafford Centre, the 1.4 million sq ft mall under construction at Dumplington, west of Manchester.

Shares in Peel increased by 3 per cent to 558p after the company revealed that net asset value per share had soared from 420p to 555p. A revaluation of the portfolio produced a surplus of £125 million, with the best of the growth in Peel's retail warehouses which scored a 20 per cent gain. However, the bulk of the increase

came from a £97 million valuation surplus on the Trafford Centre. The scheme will not be completed until the end of next year, but the company has included an interim directors' valuation to take into account the gain from preletting 65 per cent of the space.

Peter Scott, managing director of Peel admitted that it was unusual to include a valuation surplus before completion, but indicated that the gain contained no element of development profit. The Trafford Centre is now in the books at £267 million, including some £60 million

in building costs. Mr Scott admitted that the Trafford Centre would account for a large proportion of Peel's assets but said: "We intend to hold it for the long term. Planning permission for out of town centres is now almost impossible."

Peel's pre-tax profit rose from £12.6 milion to £13.7 million in the year to March which included a write-off of £9 million relating to the winding up of the Manchester Ship Canal pension scheme and a surplus of £8 million from the sale of the Altrincham retail park.

Earnings per share fell from 8.45p to 8.16p and the dividend is increased to 8p, a rise of 1.5p from the previous year, with

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them to foreigners had hoped for help from a new batch of politicians. There was talk of

industry, investment and long-termism. In-

stead, the landed gentry are on the march, not just in Hyde Park but on the equity lists.

Property stocks gained yesterday, flying in the face of an interest rate increase and a weak

gilt market. Why bother with manufacturing when you can reap the soaring capital gain from an edge-of-town shopping mail? It was perhaps foolish to expect Labour's first Budget to reverse decades of indifference

to industry but it is curious to see the landlords and financiers increase their sway

over the market. Spurned by investors who

want growth, engineers will be worse off as the pound anticipates even higher rates of

interest. But where is the underlying growth

shows little sign of improv-

Storehouse has a lot to

prove, but even after yester-day's bounce, a multiple of

nine times earnings is too

low. It deserves a discount to

its more imaginative peers,

but evidence of improved

trading and a buoyant mar-

ing its doll product range.

in a clearing bank?

market in blood sports

TORMENTING the bears and frightening stags continue to be the stock market's

favourite games. Those funds that have been

increasing their cash balances will have been

furious yesterday when the quarter-point rate rise failed to dislodge the FTSE index from its

dizzy pinnacle. Yet, this is a game that has been continuing for some time and the irritable bears continued to be goaded after the first Labour Budget, which failed to produce any policies likely to slay the FTSE bulls. Instead, investors got a Budget that was consumer friendly but a support that was

consumer-friendly but a curse to manufactur-

ers. Fund managers worried about a loss of

dividend income are now chasing real estate

and class war has broken out in the City.

Companies that make things and try to sell

Storehouse

RETAILERS are having

their revenge against a scep-tical stock market - Dixons,

Boots and Marks & Spencer

all surged ahead. Enthusi-

asm for the leaders is drag-

ging with them weaker stocks, including Store-

house, a genuinely underval-

Most unloved of retailers,

share price gain at Store

house was enough to raise a

thin cheer at the annual

meeting. If Storehouse is in

better regard, it is for a

different reason than that

which propelled the top re-

tailers. Early evidence of

windfall spending helped Dixons amid the jubilation

that Gordon Brown and the

Bank of England have let

consumers off the hook, for

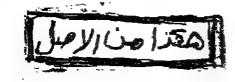
the time being. At Store-

house, sales figures were not

spectacular but very much

ued share.

nly two months into a Labour Government







Woolwich share revival forecast as auctions end

STAND By for a rally in shares of the Woolwich. Traders said last night that the price could open at around the 320p level this morning. once the outcome of the final auction is known.

The shares began edging better last night to close 9p dearer at 304p, after briefly touching 39112p as almost 13 million changed hands. The third of the four auctions for City fund managers established an average bid price of 285.5p. That compares with the two previous auctions. which struck prices of 292.3p and 315.3p earlier this week. The auctions followed the decision of 23 per cent of the Woolwich's 2.5 million members to sell their shares. The final price for those that sold will be announced roday.

When shares in the Woolwich started trading on Monday, the price opened at 36712p, producing a windfall on the minimum 450 shares of £1.653.75. After Wednesday's auction that figure had fallen to £1.286.10. Last night traders were claiming that the shares

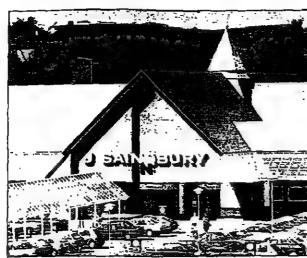
The rest of the equity market took the latest quarterpoint rise in base rates in its stride. Having opened lower on the back of the 100 pointplus fail overnight on Wall Street, share prices in London drifted throughout the morning. But once the Bank of England had made known its decision, the equity market rallied to close with small gains on the day. The FTSE 100 index. down almost 30 points at one stage, closed 5.4 up at 4.767.8 in thin turnover of 85) million shares.

Tate & Lyle came within a whisker of its low for the year after suffering a "double whammy". Two brokers have slashed their profit forecasts, for different reasons. The shares closed 18p fower at 43812p, after briefly touching 4.3312 p.

A rise of 8.3 per cent in passenger traffic during June lifted BAA Group 1212p to 5781 ap.

The food retailers were again racing away. J Sainsbury leading with a jump of 21p to 421 ap — its high for the year — as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and BZW both raised their recommendations for the shares from "sell" to "hold".

Signs of increased food price inflation and a 4.3 per cent increase in like-for-like sales at



Sainsbury led the food retailers higher with a jump of 2lp

Asda. 234p to 142p. M&W. 734p to 153p. Wm Morrison Sainsbury during the first lo weeks of the current year has rekindled institutional sup-Supermarkets. 3p to 17lp, and Tesco, 1112p to 431p. Elsewhere the high street port in a market short of stock. Lawrence Sugarman at Kleinwort says of Sainsbury: "It has proved to be a better

is not cheap, but its defensive

value will support the price".

BIOTECH COMPANIES FEELING

Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

UNDER THE WEATHER

BRITISH BIOTECH con-

tinued to reel from Wednes-

day's news that the

outcome of phase 3 trials of

Marimastat, its cancer

This was not what the

market wanted to hear. The

company argues that the

delay is not its fault. Clini-

cal trials do not always run

according to the timetable. Its shares ended 33p lower

at 15212p and dragged oth-

ers with it Chiroscience fell

712p to 239p. Celitech 212p

to 2612p. Proteus 12p to

45p and Cambridge Anti-

body 212p to 52212p.

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known until 1999.

stores continued to make headway on the back of this performance with a negative week's news that building impact on margins. Sainsbury society windfalls had begun boosting sales. Dixons, up 17p at 55312p, set the ball rolling with UBS, the broker, rating There were also gains for Safeway. 1212p to 39912p, the shares a "buy". Argos also

But Jenny Colley at BZW

disagrees: "Its all about

market sentiment with Brit-

ish Biotech. There has been

big turnover in the senior

been too much factoring-in

BZW says that the fair

value is nearer 125p, which

means the shares have fur-

ther to fall. "There has been

no fresh news and this

combined with the man-

agement problems has cui-

minated in uncertainties."

it says. "The market is

competition is intensifying.

Colley also points out

running scared".

of hope and enthusiasm"

Holdings got off to a flying start after a placing by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, at 150p. The shares started life at 10212p and climbed steadily to touch 184p before closing at 18212p, a premium of 3212p. TI Group rose 10¹2p to 482¹2p as Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, raised its stance on the shares to "out-

perform" from "neutral" and set a 510p target price. GILT-EDGED: Longer dated issues took a pasting during a volatile performance in the wake of the latest

water utilities, Thames put on

212p at 749p, Severn Trent

101ap at 859p, and Yorkshire

Raskel celebrated the gen-

erous bid terms from SIG

Group with a leap of 631 ap at

1341ap. The agreed offer from

SIG of 145p a share values the suspended ceilings specialist at almost £26 million. SIG

finished 16p lower at 310p. First-time dealings in Galen

Water 612p at 430p.

quarter-point rise in bank base rates. Shorter dated issues showed their relief at the decision to restrict the rise to just a quarter point instead of the half point suggested in some

parts of the City. tember series of the long gilt shed E¹16 to close at El14²32 as the total number of contracts recorded reached 77,000.

In longs. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 shed £5 16 at £10976, while at the short end Treasury 8 per firmer at \$1021132.

NEW YORK: Early gains fell to profit-taking and technology stocks extended their losses. By midday the Dow

14.48 lower at 7.827.95.

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of borrowings instead of launching a rights issue pleased the market and the	FTSE Gort Sets
shares responded with a rise of 21'2p to 827'2p. Credit	US\$
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MAJOR INDICES

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Tesco 431p (+11'2p)
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Selling the company to a company has slotted £97 mil-

bigger rival - IBM, Oracle

and Sun Microsystems have

all been tempted - seems the

better than expected. Store-

like-for-like figures, proba-

bly because the underlying

growth is nothing like the

probably less than inflation

at 25 per cent. Mothercare

Organic growth at Bhs is

14.5 per cent total rise.

house is too shy to reveal

has seen an improvement, ket should keep the shares with growth of around 3 per cent, but the company still on an upward treud. RELPED BY A FOLLOWING WIND

Apple

THIS may be the end of Apple Computer. The Macintosh maker has lost three chief executives in four years; none of them could reverse, let alone halt, the loss of market share. Apple, once the hottest name in the business, is now a minnow in an industry dominated by Microsoft and intel. Its share of the global personal computer market is estimated to be iust 5 per cent.

The company now has two come a niche player, or put itself up for saie. The former strategy is helped by Apple's loyal following, especially. among creative professionals. Working against it is Apple's financial condition, which is sending talented program-mers to look for jobs elsewhere. A small, independent operator, might lack the global marketing power to com-pete with industry leaders.

ride on the back of its parent's strong marketing and distribution. The security of being part of a larger group would restore confi-dence and attract talent. But million sq ft mall is worth £550 million. even the most powerful players may not have the wherewithal to eliminate the rot. Meanwhile, Intel and Microsoft go from strength to

WALSTREET

Apple could be doomed. Peel Holdings

strength, reinforcing their

claim to the industry stan-

dard. Unless its strong brand

PEEL is creating a monster out at Dumplington that could soon dwarf the rest of its property portfolio but shareholders will be delight-ed. Worried that the valuetion gain on completion of the centre next year would look embarrassingly large, the

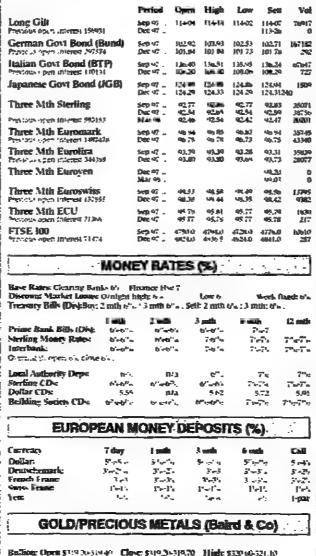
lion of the expected surplus into the balance sheet in advance. This should be no cause for alarm. The land was purchased for next to nothing and Peel has let more than half of the center. Assurning that rents are about £25 per sq ft and applying a 6.25 per cent yield, the 1.37

For that, and the 20 per cent surge in value of Peel's other out-of-town retail holdings, investors should thank development. Any veteran of this industry will tell you that bans attract investment. Nothing excites a property investor like a shortage, and out-of-town malls are in short supply to retailers and investors alike. By next March, more than £6 per share, leaving a share price discount that will quickly disappear.

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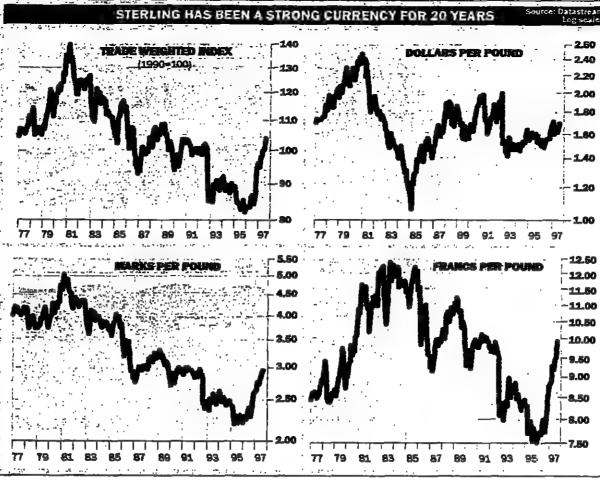
Higher rates and a strong pound will lose jobs and hurt investment

industrial ain. The great work begun by Margaret Thatcher will be completed by Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and Eddie George The dark satanic mills tha blighted the countryside will be closed down, the industrial proletarist will be decimated for the second time in a generation and Britain will become the purely middle-class nation of shopkeepers of which Lady Thatcher had always

Let me begin by quoting the Bank statement that sent this clear message, albeit in code: The combination of rapid expansion of domestic demand led by consumption and the further appreciation of sterling has sharpened the dilemma for monetary policy. A further tightening of monetary policy was necessary, notwithstand ing the further appreciation of sterling and the contractionary effects of the recent Budget."

These phrases showed that the Bank was well aware of the economic and social implications of what it had done. The further appreciation of sterling" will now go much further and will aggravate the "dilemma for monetary policy" by doing the manufacturing economy irreparable damage. But the Bank has shown by its action that meither its calculations will pay scant attentioneither to the economic damage from an overvalued exchange rate or to the benign effects on inflation of a strong pound. If the strong pound do not im-press the Bank, why should they frighten investors? Once the psychological barrier at DM3 is broken; it is hard to see what would stop the markets moving on to challenge the next major target: the Lawson peaks

To gauge the full significance of the Bank's policy we must look beyond short-term market implications of the policy dilemma created by a very strong pound. A rapidly rising real exchange rate is the most powerful and precisely-target-ed weapon ever devised for destroying manufacturing industries in a market economy. A strong currency selectively culls manufacturing companies and discourages invest-ment in the production of goods, since in a global economy all manufactured goods are exposed to international competition, whether they are made specifically for exports or sold only on the home market. Most services, by contrast, have to be produced on the consumer's doorstep, making



many service providers are completely immune to an overvalued exchange rate. In fact, many service businesses retailers for example - benefit from a high currency. Lower import prices increase real incomes and thereby stimulate consumption, at least until the closure of manufacturing businesses and the resulting layoffs offset this effect. Even those services that are internationally traded, such as finance, can often thrive in exchange conditions that are ruinous to manufacturing companies — for reasons explained below.

But before examining this issue, let me deal with the main argument. Practical people of-ten argue that Britain has had a weak currency for decades while Japan and Germany, the world's most successful industrial nations, have lived quite happily with the strong yen and mark. The idea that a country can learn to love a strong currency is partly true but it misses three crucial

objections.
First, it is simply not true that the pound has been a chronically weak currency. In the past 20 years, the pound has exactly held its value on a tradeweighted basis and against the US dollar. It has fallen against the mark and the yen, but has risen significantly against the three other G7 currencies Candian dollar, Italian lira and French franc. Admittedly, the pound declined against most currencies in the 30 years before 1977. But if we look back to the 1950s, why not consider the decades before that? On a truly long-term view, taking in the whole of this century, the pound has been a far stronger

currency than either the yen or

the mark. Furthermore, the periods of the pound's greatest relative strength - the 1920s. 1930s and 1980s - have coincided with the fastest relative decline of Britain's manufacturing sector.

The second point - really the mirror image of the first - is that both Japan and Germany began with incredibly cheap exchange rates after the Second World War. The fastest buildup of their industries coincided with the period of most extreme undervaluation of the mark

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In Britain. there are thousands of ill-equipped companies

exchange rates is that both these countries have recently fallen out of love with their strong currencies. In fact, for the past two years, the Bundesbank and the Bank of Japan (as well as the the Swiss National Bank) have deliberately been keeping their interest rates at record-low levels to weaken their currencies. In the 1970s and early 1980s, these countries enjoyed much lower inflation than their competitors and this largely offset the rising costs caused by strong currenries. But once low inflation became a global phenomenon in the late 1980s, Germany and Japan rapidly lost competitiveness and they have been suffering from weak manufacturing

Figures published last week by the Institute for the German Economy in Köln show just how much competitiveness Germany in particular has lost in the last few years. An hour of labour in west German manufacturing industry cost an average of DM47,28, including wages, social security taxes, holiday pay, helath costs and pensions. This was almost double the comparable figures for America and Britain, which were respectively DM26.60 and DM22.68. But lest this wast pound. difference be attributed simply that French and Italian costs, at DM30.82 and DM27.92 respec-

Anglo-Saxon than the German In fact, given the further appreciation of the dollar since the 1996 averages were collected, labour in both France and Italy is now somewhat cheaper than in the US.

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Britain, however, remains cheaper than any of these countries — and much cheaper than Germany - even with the pound at its present level. In fact, on these figures the pound would have to rise to DM4.86 to equalise the cost of manufacturing labour in Britain and western germany. Why, then, should anyone worry about the future of British industry?

The answer lies in productiv-ity and investment — the viral components missing in simple comparisons of labour costs. Germany and Japan continue to record huge export surpluses despite their extremely high labour costs because their manufacturers are more efficient and better equipped than those in Britain and France. Where relative costs become

really relevant is not in a country's present export performance but in its attractiveness as a location for investment geared to future production. It is in this respect that Germany's strong currency and uncompetitive cost structure is becoming a serious handicap and forcing a decline in the relative share of manufacturing to GDP. In Britain, similarly, it will be investment in existing companies that suffers most from the the strong in British manufacturing.

there are thousands of illof-date products that cannot compete even with a 50 per cent cost advantage - which is why they will go to the wall if the pound stays above DM3. Many of Britain's service industries, on the other hand, have not suffered from decades of under-investment. Or if they have under-invested this seems to have done less damage, perhaps because these industries are less capital-intensive or because their products are rapidly changing, making past investment less relvant to future success.

Many internationallycompeditive service industries, from finance and accountancy to architecture and computing. may continue to thrive in Britain even with the pound well above DM3. If the Bank's policies succeed, then, Britain will become the New York of California of the new Europe. while Germany remains its Detroit. That will be no consolation to the hundreds of thousands of industrial workers who will soon start to lose their

Exocet launchers who Pirc up the UK's boardrooms

the messy, overcrowded offices, of the Pensions Investment Research Consultants - known as Pirc - do not suggest an organisa-tion to make the likes of Sir Iain Vallance, Sir Richard Greenbury, Sir John Jennings, Lord Hanson and Lord Alexander of Weedon quake. But the boxes piled high in the fifth floor reception of the nondescript building on the edge of the City house research notes that have forced FISE 100 companies to drop shareholder resolutions, change remuneration policy and adopt new articles of association

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influence. The latest targets of this selfappointed custodian of corporate governance issues include BT and Marks & Spencer, which, by any measure, stand among the creme de la creme of British industry. Pirc

Pirc can exert a powerful

is no respecter of size. It boasts a board brimming with respected figures including its chairman, John Plender, the journalist; Jonathan Charkham, the former Bank of England adviser; and Victoria Younghusband, a partner at Stephenson Harwood, the City lawyer. Yet its tactics, which go as far as proposing its own resolutions at annual meerings, as it did at Shell earlier this year, have often been criticised.

Sarah Wilson, head of Manifest, the proxy voting organisation, which covers much of the same ground as Pirc. savs: "The City does not like being told what to do."

In the City, many feel Pirc fulfils a role but often goes too far - in the words of one fund manager "when they launch the Exocet, they should stand back, not chase it". Guy Jubb, corporate governance director at Standard Life, gives Pirc reserved praise. He says: They have ensured that a number of important and sensitive issues have been aired in public debate," but adds: "Standard Life prefers to seek a constructive and partnership-based dialogue."

Standing a mere 5ft, Anne Simpson, the better known of Pirc's joint managing direcing her way through Pire's cluttered home, she apolo-gises for the mess. "We're trying to find somewhere new. We've got 25 people now and we're bursting at the seams in

Still it is better than the

Jason Nissé

meets the self-professed guardians of shareholder

rights

original offices. When Pirc was founded by the other joint MD, Alan MacDougall, as an adviser to local authority pension funds 112 years ago, it was based in two rooms of the Bon Marché Business Centre in Brixton. The location reinforced the City's bias aganist Pirc as a "bunch of left-wing troublemakers" and "a mouthpiece of disaffected public sector."

But that view is outdated. Pirc has increased its client base by 40 per cent in the last year and now claims that funds worth £130 billion are subscribers. Of this more than £50 billion are pension funds managed by City institutions. and only £35 billion are local authority schemes.

The company was forced to start diversifying the list of subscribers that buy its research almost as soon as it was created. The original idea of Pirc came from the early 1980s, when the old metropolitan local authorities - including the Greater London Council where MacDougail used to work — decided they needed a body that could provide them with advice independent from that offered by City firms. But then came the abolition of the GLC and metropolitan county councils in April 1986, the day MacDougall joined Pirc.

"We were sort of orphaned at birth," remembers Mac-Dougall, "The largest local authority funds which were to fund us were abolished virtually at day one."

Originally, Pire had little to do with corporate governance. Its original aim was to provide advice to the trustees of pension funds. Much of the early work was on ethical issues. Africa during apartheid.
"A lot of trustees found

themselves very much out of their depth," says MacDougall. They could not follow the principles of the Friends Prov-Stewardship fund, which avoids investing in interest in curporate gover-nance issues started about 1989, when it was inspired by the activities of US institutional investors such as CALPers the big Californian state pension fund, and the New York coincided with the recruitment of Anne Simpson and an added emphasis on the re-

Bell, which is now 12-strong.

Simpson — who joined in 1988 after a career as a journalist, a fundraiser for Oxfam and a researcher into banking and finance — points to two events that brought Pirc to prominence. The first was protest about the performance of Brooks Brothers, the traditional US clothes group bought by Marks & Spencer in 1988. The second was forcing Hanson to drop a proposal to change its articles of association to restrict the voting rights of shareholders in 1993. The fax from Lord Hanson saying the plan would be dropped is proudly displayed in MacDougall's office. Simpson's room buasts a photograph, by Nicholas Tucker. chairman of the Chelsea Arts Club, of a Shell sign with the

"S" missing.
The Shell protest, earlier this year, showed both the best and worst of Pirc. Its AGM resolution, asking for five changes to Shell's policies on ethical and environmental issues, was almost irrelevant by the time it was put to the vote. Pirc asked for five changes to Shell's policies, four of which were put in place before the AGM and the final one being conceded at the meeting. Shell argues that it was amending its policies anyway. Pire claims that Shell caved in to its demands. Everything happened be-tween the filing of the report and the last sip of the gin and tonic at the AGM with John Jennings (Shell's chairman),

Although Pirc mobilised a great deal of support, it ultimately lost the vote in which an unprecedented 47 per cent of the company's shareholders voted, Indeed Pire rarely sucissues are put to a vote.

However, Pirc's campaign has succeeded in mobilising shareholders and putting corporate governance at the top of the agenda. It may lose virtually every battle and still



Light blue touch paper: Anne Simpson and Pirc create fireworks at annual meetings

Evelyn war

out a familiar face from the crowd massing to defend the country dwell-er's right to slaughter anything in his or her path. (Yes, yes, I know it's more complicated than that. Allow me a little leeway). Surely Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, who circulated a memo to his 1,000 staff at NM Rothschild in London recommendging" them to turn up, has had the

courage of his own convictions?

And where is the tide of beetrootfaced brokers and merchant bankers we were told to expect, baying for the blood of hunt saboteurs? Well, Sir.



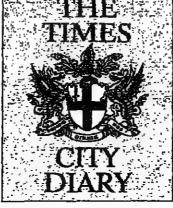
Typical! You wait ages for one and then three come along together"

FROM my helicopter circling Hyde Park yesterday, I am unable to pick out a familiar face from the crowd out a familiar face from the crowd staff had been given four hours off to attend. And how many Rothschild staff did turn up to the Countryside Rally. "Only a handful."

> After fending off nasty questions at yesterday's annual meeting about why Storehouse's shares have per-formed so abysmally, Alan Smith, chairman, must have been relieved to hear one lady shareholder politely inquire whether anyone else at the meeting had, like herself, held the shares since 1928, when British Home Stores was founded. "At least in the case of your shares, madam, they will have risen in value," he quipped. I only hope more recent purchasers saw the joke.

Checkmate

A COUPLE of days ago I wrote about the endless interruptions when a builder handed out my home phone number as the number of a local building site, Raymond Keene, The Times chess correspondent, has been plagued for months by irritating phantom fax calls, when the phone goes and all you get is that irritating electronic warble. He was finally rung up by an indignant investor who took him to task for not being the Lloyds Stockline retail dealing ser-



vice. He contacted Lloyds, which insisted the calls were the result of accidental transpositions of two digits in their own number. Unlikely, because of their sheer frequency. He persevered. For months they had, indeed, been handing over his number as the contact for faxes. Which begs the question, did no one notice when their own phone never rang? Or is business really that poor?

Carpet sweep

BRADFORD & Bingley, the building society that likes to say we're staying that way, has been running a campaign since last month to donate £1 to charity for every new account. Spectacularly mistimed, because a number of branch managers, overwhelmed by the flood of carpetbaggers trying to get in and force the society to demutualise, have had to

shut their doors to new members. Proving once and for all that charity really does begin at home.

Brown study

FORMER merchant banker Camer-on Brown, whose C&B Publishing made its third acquisition yesterday since flotation on AIM in February. was not letting the gravity of the situation get to him. In fact, he wasn't there at all. Brown, ex-Guinness Mahon and the man who sold Abaco to British & Comonwealth, flew out as the news hit the screens for a riding holiday in Wyoming.

ONE in. I promise, a continuing series of Flotations from Hell. The assets are a Southend strip joint. No published report and accounts, you understand, and no sign of dividends. The plan, once quoted, is to buy one of the directors' private businesses. Welcome to Ofex, the junior market for investors who find AIM a little too staid and stuffy. Welcome to Cherokee Leisure - don't ask, the strippers, sorry, table-dancers, dress up as Indian squaws. Oh, and the managing director is a recently dis-charged bankrupt. Delightful.

Miller's tale

EMAP, still desperately trying to sell 14 business titles but seeing the hoped for £25 million purchase price fast receding, has resorted to crude bribery. Staff staying right up to the handover are being offered a loyalty

bonus of up to £1.450. Robin Miller, Emap's chief executive, has decreed. As there are 120 of them on titles ranging from Media Week to Sea Food International (yes, really), this could involve an outlay of as much as £174,000, mere buttons when you consider the size of the deal. The favoured buyer is Simon Timm, a former managing director. But Robin, I think you may be wasting your money. The deal would involve a relocation from various bits of London's medialand to, horror of horrors, Croydon. A number of writers are therefore planning to wait until the cheque clears and then quit. Such loyalty, I chide one. "To Croydon? The quality of the cappuccino. my dear," he drawls.

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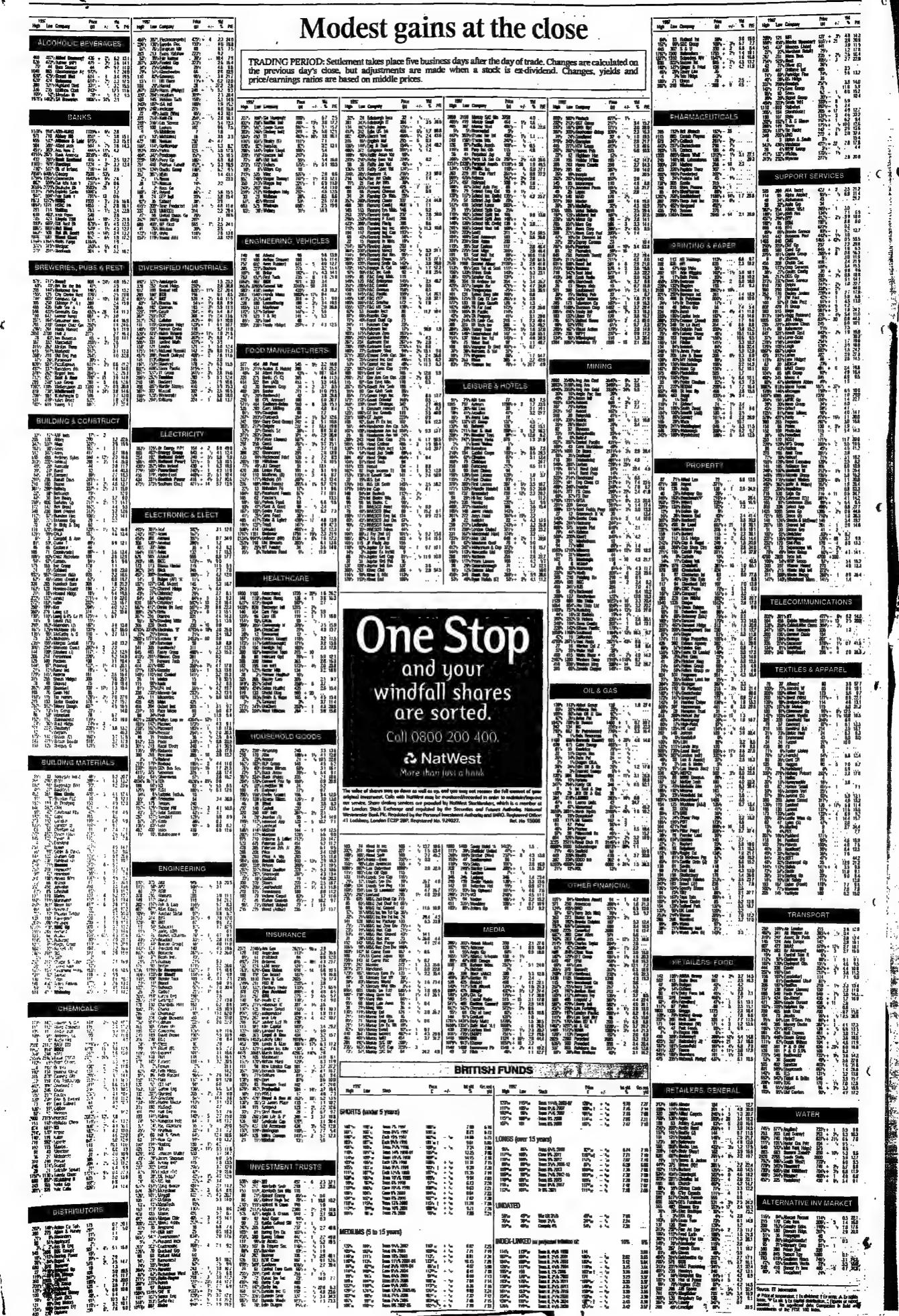
Miller: bonus cannot compete with the delights of Croydon

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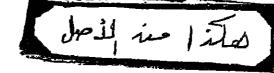
Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from Thursday 10th July 1997 its Base Rate has been increased from 6.50% per annum to 6.75% per annum.

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Rebels in

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FROM EILEEN McCABE

A DETERMINED rump of Irish farmers could put an end today to the ambitious merger

plans of Waterford and Avonmore food companies.

The farmers, from the Kilmeadan district of Water-

ford, have waged an aggressive campaign against the merger, which would create

the fourth largest dairy com-

pany in the world.

Along with thousands of other farmers in the south-

eastern region of the Republic

of Ireland, through their mem-

bership of Avonmore and Waterford co-operative societ-

ies, they hold the controlling

interest in the respective pub-

licly-quoted food companies. If

the merger is to proceed, it

must be supported by 75 per

cent of those who attend the

Second bite at the Apple beckons as Amelio goes

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To a softoming mind

Mr Ellison, a critic of Mr Amelio; who was chairman and chief executive, has been circling Apple for some time. Earlier this year, he revealed that he was putting together a investment team to buy the Macintosh maker for \$1 billion (£592 million) and save it from oblivion.

Soon after, he boasted in Vanity Fair magazine that "by the time this article comes out, I should be chairman of Apple". Apple recruited Goldman Sachs, the Wali Street investment firm, to design a

defence stategy.
Within days of the articles publication, he backed down, saying he had decided not to pursue Apple. No explanation was given. Analysts could not understand his interest in the first place. Oracle's speciality is database software; Apple's is elegant machines for creative professionals.

Mr Ellison seems to have been right about Mr Amelio, however. Mr Amelia, former chief executive of National Semiconductor Corporation, joined Apple in early 1996 high hopes that he would find a way to break the stranglehold on the market for personal computers based on

Intel chips and Microsoft operating software. Computers using Apple's Macintosh operating system account for only about 5 per cent of the personal computer market.

But since his arrival, Apple has lost \$1,6 billion and its annual revenue is expected to decline from \$11.1 billion in 1995 to \$8.5 billion this year. Thousands were made redundant and programme writers defected to rival companies.

A search for a new chief executive is under way. In the meantime, Fred Anderson, chief financial officer, will run the company and Steve Jobs. who co-founded Apple in 1976 with Stephen Wozniak will take on an expanded role as adviser to Apple's board and executive management team. Mr Jobs was ousted in 1985 and was reunited with Apple in 1996 when it bought his company, Next Software, for \$440 million.

ning to fill the top spot, but Mr Ellison has yet to declare his intentions. While his desire to take control was never fully explained, there is growing belief that Apple should be part of a larger group.

It has unofficially been on the auction block for many

Mr Jobs may be in the run-

years. The new chief executive will either have to stabilise the company as a niche player or sell it. The latter is more likely.

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London calling: Gerald Kaye, development director, will look to the South East

Helical in £50m L&G deal

BY CARL MORTSHED

HELICAL BAR, the property developer, has sold two retail projects to Legal & General for £50 million. The two retail parks in Norwich and Bolton have yet to be built but the developer has let more than half of the 150,000 sq ft on the Norwich site, and space has

Currys at Helical's 12-acre month accounting period to town centre site in Bolton. March 3L Helical announced pre-tax

The company, which is profits of £12 million, up 30 repositioning its portfolio towards London and the South per cent on the previous year, including development prof-East, saw net asset value rise its of £9.2 million. It is to 435p from 368p. Net borpaying a total dividend of 8p plus a special payout of 2p per share to make up for the rowings at the year end were £178 million, leaving balance sheet gearing at 170 per cent.

specially convened co-op meetings at noon today. The kilmeadan vote could be crucial. If the plan gets the green

light the merged entity, to be called Avonmore Waterford, would be a major player in the global food industry. The proposal to be voted on involves a share exchange offer and price guarantees to milk suppliers. The revised deal values Water ford at more than Ir£375 million (£320 million).

The merger has met with stiff opposition from the Kilmeadan district, where farmers say that it will eventually lead to the local community losing control over an important industry.

In neigbouring Kilkenny, home of the Avonmore co-op, the merger proposal is widely supported and is expected to get an overwhelming endorsement at their meeting today.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Scapa buys Sellotape Industrial for £41m

SCAPA GROUP, the UK maker of fabrics and roll owerings for the pulp and paper industry, is acquiring the industrial tapes division of Sellotape International for £41.1 million. Sellotape Industrial comprises three manufacturing sites at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Lymington. Hampshire, and at Rorschach in Switzerland. It has distribution facilities in seven European countries and Canada.

In 1990 the division earned pre-tax profits of £5.2 million on sales of about £70 million. Scapa is acquiring net operating assets of around £21 million. It may pay a further profit-related consideration of up to £2.6 million. In a separate transaction Scapa is to sell its French consumer tapes business to Sellotape International for about £2 million.

Rodime shares fall

SHARES in Rodime, the electronic equipment group, fell from 24p to 14p, after it said that it was reviewing an American court ruling that its claims against Seagate Technology, fellow disc-drive maker, should include the thermal compensation system. Rodime alleges wilful infringement of its patents. Earlier this week Seagate was ordered to pay 585.5 million in damages and interest to Amstrad, in a case about faulty components for personal computers.

Cadcentre on the rise

CADCENTRE, the 3D computer systems group, raised pretax profits from £1.7 million to £1.78 million in the year to March 31 on sales up from £14.2 million to £17.4 million. Earnings fell from 7.96p to 7.13p. The group said that it had enjoyed its best year in terms of winning new customers and from sales to existing customers. New clients include Toshiba, Hitachi, Austrian Energy, Statoil and Bechtel. A maiden final dividend of 1.6p is proposed.

Bitter-sweet Burtonwood

BURTONWOOD BREWERY, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits from £4.34 million to £3.7 million in the year to March 31 on sales down from £49.1 million to £44.6 million. However, the previous year included a £1 million exceptional gain. Total dividend rises from 5.55p to 6p out of earnings of II.5p (13p). Underlying trading profits rose 7 per cent. The company says that the current year has started encouragingly although the shares remained unchanged at 14012 p.

William Ransom ahead

WILLIAM RANSOM & SON, the pharmaceuticals, toiletries and cosmetics company, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.13 million from £980,000 in the year to March 31. Turnover rose to £10.6 million from £9.9 million in spite of a 3 per cent fall in export sales, partly attributed to the strength of the pound. The company is undertaking a review of export markets. Earnings rose to 4.83p a share from 4.49p previously. A final dividend of 1.68p a share lifts the total to 2.528p from 2.298p.

Property lifts Wintrust

PRE-TAX profits at Wintrust, the small merchant banking group, rose from £3.12 million to £3.43 million in the year to March 31, helped by deals in the residential property market. Group operating income rose from £4.73 million to £5.07 million. A final dividend of 9.35p (8.5p) is due on October 1. making a total of 13.75p (12.52p). Earnings were 22.32p a share (19.99p). Richard Szpiro, chairman and managing director, was bullish about current trading performance.

Soccer Investments plans to buy Leicester City



Hansen: set for pay-off

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ALAN HANSEN, the BBC Match of the Day soccer pundit and former Liverpool captain, and three other directors of Socor Investments are to leave its board with payoffs totalling £60,000 after the AIM-listed shell's deal to buy Leicester City for £25 million is

was set up with the intention of buying a top club, yesterday unveiled its plans to buy Leicester City, the Coca-Cola

Cup holders. The deal is expected to put a £25 million valuation on Leicester, who will be playing in Europe next season, and give the club £10 million which was raised when Soccer Investments floated in May.

Torn Smeaton, the Leicester City chairman, has been pressing for a float for some months, pressing through a capital structure, which had four different classes of shares. The money will ment of the club's ground at Filbert Street and for Martin O'Neill, the manager, to strengthen the team.

The four directors of Soccer investment - Mr Hansen, Mike Edelson, a director of Manchester United, Sir Rodnev Walker, chairman of the Sports Council, and David Southworth, managing director of P&P - will resign when will receive payoffs of E15,000. On top off that, all four have share option deals which were worth £10,500 yesterday, with

pended at 1102p. Mr Edelson revealed that

Soccer Investments had also been in talks with Derby County about a similar deal. However, it is now expected that County, which recently moved from the Baseball Ground to a new stadium, will raise money from a venture capital company rather than floating on the stock market. Mr Edelson was behind the flotation of Sheffield United. which reversed into Conrad, the textiles company he used to run. He also has another public company. Prestbury Leisure, which is in talks to purchase Quasar, a football

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After the Getty Centre, what next for Richard Meier? Joanna Pitman meets the winner of the biggest prize in the arts

Top architect seeks new grand project

ca's most prolific is on the hunt for a new commission. His monumental Getty Centre, the £500 million art museum and cultural complex that clings to the barren hills above Los Angeles is to open in December after 13 years in the making. His Church of the Year 2000 for Rome is designed and progressing according to plan to mark the millennium.

He is also just finishing off the Siemens headquarters in Munich, a hospital in Singapore, the Swiss Volksbank building in Basle and a court-house in the United States. He is, you might say, prolific. And to the grand flush of international architectural prizes already won (the Pritzker, the RIBA gold medal, the American Institute of Architects prize), he added this week the \$135,000 Praemium Imperiale prize for architecture. Japan's

equivalent of the Nobel. But now this lumbering, bear-like 63-year-old, consid ered the most successful American architect of his generation, suddenly sees no new project on the horizon. He waves his enormous hands around in the air and muses confidently on where the next prestige commission will come from. "It could be anywhere. I'm just waiting." He has built all over America and mainland Europe, leaving a trail of shining white modernist museums and corporate headquarters. But he has never built in Britain, and makes no

secret of his desire to do so. "I'd love to do a museum in Britain. They have always been my particular architectural interest. There's a great reciprocity between art and architecture, and my work suits great art works. But I'd

he wouldn't mind a shot at the Cardiff Opera House (plans by the Percy Thomas Partnership are currently on the table but not moving anywhere fast), or possibly a new home for the ENO.



6 I'd love to design a a new museum in Britain, or perhaps an opera house 🤊 RICHARD MEIER

But how would Meier's buildings look in Britain? Since the late 1960s, when he co-founded the "New York Five" to counter the backlash against Modernism, he sees himself as having carried the Modernist mantle of Le Corbusier through the decades and delivered it safely to the turn of the century. His own buildings are "classically" Modernist: square, stark and brittle geometric boxes in the lary of nautical imagery and a serious-minded aesthetic and he observes, unashamed, that "each of my buildings is a work of art in its own right"

With his preoccupation with Modernism, he has produced some sparkling monuments. In America he began with private houses for millionaires, but only when Europe got interested in his trademark all-white style did he begin building on a large scale. Recently he has built Frankfurt's Museum for the Decorative Arts. The Hague's City Hall, Barcelona's Museum of Contemporary Art, and corporate headquarters for Canal Plus, Hypolux Bank, Swissair, Daimler-Benz, Olivetti, Siemens and Renault.

Shining white and comfortingly recognisable for Europe's ambitious city mayors and industrialists, Meier's buildings have not always been a success in practical terms. As the (pro-Meier) critic Paul Goldberger has noted about one of Meier's American houses: "It is necessary in midsummer to wear sunglasses in the living room at cocktail hour, perhaps a novelty for the one-time visitor, but ess amusing surely if it has to be done every day." And the Canal Plus building on the banks of the Seine has suffered from external tile slippage and a troubling lack of loos,

tals love him. The Mayor of Barcelona invited him, sight unseen, to design the new museum for his cash-strapped city. And the Roman press made much of the choice of the Jewish Meier to design their landmark new church.

Meier has a particular affinwith Rome. "I love the of Borromini." work of Borromini and Bernini, their articulation of structure, the quality of light.



Dil in lital

The £500 million Getty Centre in Los Angeles opens in December. Meier calls it "a classical structure emerging serene from the rough hillside"

Architecture is part of a continuum of history and I have absorbed much from classical Roman work. I hope my church will make people think

Meier designed the Getty els in mind. "Through my use of stone, the way the walls seem to grow out of the earth as they do at Hadrian's Villa, there is a certain relationship between the architecture and the landscape that relates to Ancient Rome. I see a classical structure, elegant and timeless, emerging serene and

scrutable programme note

Hugh Wood's note for his

ideal from the rough hillside, a kind of Aristotelian structure within the landscape."

And his careful Roman references do not stop there, for Meier has chosen travertine, the stone of Rome, to clad the opposition to a white building so I chose cleft blocks of rough travertine, something that would give a suitably monumental grandeur."

The Getty commission has ture's job of the century given the spectacular site, generous budget and some of

the greatest works of art in the world. But now that it has been wrapped up, Meier has 80 staff to keep busy and, as he points out, two young children particularly from Britain, are clearly welcome, and obviously the grander the better

MUSIC: Too many premieres in Cheltenham; a fascinating Danish Music Festival in London

has never liked segrega-tion very much. New music has traditionally been introduced as an item in a regular concert, such as John Buller's Illusions between Brahms and Tchaikovsky in this year's opening concert by the BBC Philharmonic in the 1960s, seemed oppressive (in fact, it always was, but not in the control of the c Clarinet Trio between Beethothis way). So what chance could there ven and Mozart in the Gemelli Trio's morning concert in the have been for the seventh item

Pittville Pump Room. In both those cases the familiar formula worked well. Yet Lontano's late-night concert of five new works there would have been six if one of them hadn't dropped out of the programme - was segregation carried to an absurd extreme. The late hour and the stifling heat in the confined proportions of the Town Hall room so unwisely chosen for the concert did nothing to enhance a situation brought about, it seems, by financial support from the

Most of the composers involved were associated in one way or another with King's College London. No doubt they were grateful to be represented here, alongside composers of no less stature than Maurice Ravel and the King's College Purcell Professor of Composition, Sir Harrison Birtwistle. But, after a confusing change in the order of the programme and an unhelpful decision by Odaline de la Martinez to lump some items together, they might have been having second thoughts.

At the end of an event like that, even Birtwistle's Tragoedia, one of the pieces which established him as a leading member of the younger generation of composers in the mid-

Noteworthy case of ghetto programming

in the concert. Silvina Milstein's grumblingly enig-matic The Patch of Lavender Light? Or Stefan Terry's thirtly scored Roll Around, or Nick Huggins's pseudy So, why didn't you cross the river, Peter? or Luminta Spinu's post-Enescu Satire, or Hyun-

Concerts Chettenham

Sue Chung's elusive Small Wind, or Robert Keeley's jokey Chants and Encounters? And who could have thought that, in these circumstances, they would have a chance?

tures with brooding lyricism (of an often microtonally in-flected exotic kind), it might have been written from an intimate knowledge of the dynamically motivated and generously expressive qualities of the BBC Philharmonic when working with Vassily Sinaisky. But why it petered out so ineffectively at the end,

new Clarinet Trio declared that the finale "is to be a slow movement" — which, indeed, it turned out to be. Written presumably at the last minute, it is a movingly melodious

personal inspiration in a work which clings elsewhere to a mid-Schoenbergian idiom offering a conventional exterior in defiance of an unconventional harmonic interior - but doing it so well as to secure a committed and persuasive performance from the Gemelli Trio which commissioned it.

GERALD LARNER neither earlier events in the Slice of Danish provides rare feast

IT IS not every artistic director who has to contend with King's College Annual Fund, val launches. But trombonist which clearly wanted value for Tom Hammond was sweating out his finals at the Roval Academy of Music while trying to finalise an impressive raft of artists (and sponsors) for his first Danish Music

> The enterprise, whose direction he shares with the composer and conductor Matthew Taylor, has been gestating for several years, during which time there have been heroic student concerts and a Copenhagen/London amateur orchestra project.

> Tuesday night's event was a tribute concert for Vagn Holmboe (1909-1996), whose pungent counterpoint and bright orchestral colours are immediately engaging. Sadly, despite the success of the current CD series (on BIS), this rare chance to hear his

Studhnis Smith Square

music drew a small audience. Holmboe's works were framed by Haydn symphonies, to which he had constantly returned for inspiration. For Symphony No 59, The Fire, the City of London Sinfonia hardly crackled. However, as if roused by the Holmhoe, the players attacked Symphony No 82, The Bear, with renewed, if rough, vigour. Holmboe's Chamber Sym-

phony No I, written in the 1950s, is a model of compressed symphonic invention. sprung on dynamic bass lines point. As Robert Simpson has remarked, there is an "exactitude of expression" in such pieces which lays bare their inner workings. The CLS tapped into the energy of the piece and appeared to enjoy it. Macouchy. Bartók and Shostakovich spring to mind, but the emotions evoked are less elemental. The final encircling coda suggests nothing more sinister than apprehen sion. In the four-note motif with which it ends one is reminded of Shostakovich's own initials, but significantly Holmboe's rises upwards.

The Concerto for String Quartet and String Orchestra Op 195 was one of Holmboe's final works and a UK preto the orchestra's ripieno, the string quartet set off a lively dialogue of snatched gestures. Cellist Jo Cole rendered the contours of this simpler music gracefully, but was let down by splashy violin playing.

There was also some Per Nørgård: his Pastoral, from the film Babette's Feast, where folk tunes are gently distorted. If it takes the enterprise of a trombone student to bring Holmboe and Nørgård to London, then roll on the next Danish Festival.

Hounded into the maze

The unspeakable in pur suit of the uneatable is not a fair description of four opinionated broadcasters hounding, so to speak, their studio guests. But Oscar Wilde's phrase rose irresistibly into the mind yesterday when The Moral Maze re-

week run. This has long been the most muscular debating chamber in all of radio, though it is by no means the only one. On other days, and at other times, both Start The Week and Soapbox, also on Radio 4, can lay claim to getting our prejudices into top gear. But nobody does it quite as well as The Moral Maze panel.

Yesterday the subject was indeed hunting with hounds, pegged to the arrival in London of all those country folk who are trying to prevent the House of Commons making hunting illegal. If the programme's most irascible panellist is correct the march ers will fail, for acording to Dr David Starkey we now have a Parliament of "hypocritical puritans eager to impose their own values on the rest of us . . . I loathe the lot of them."

The lawyer Micheal Mansfield, the journalist Janet Daley and the moral ethicist Dr David Cook are the other members of the panel, and they are just as opinionated. Starkey's special talent is for making nearly everything he HELEN WALLACE | says seem menacing. He re-

RADIO minds me of the story of the paranoid employee: chairman said hello to me in the lift this morning: I wonder what he meant by that," Hunting with hounds is at

pointless subject for this kind of programme. Hunting is a circular argument in which the teeth of one side grab the tail of the other and both circle the usual territory until the master of the hounds, in this case Michael Buerk, blows a whistle. We are usually none the wiser, but it has been great

Yesterday each of the four witnesses called to account for themselves was duly chased over a few hedges before being other of the hunters, though none left the arena with more than a few scratches. John Cooper of the League Against Cruel Sports was least convincing, which does not of course make him wrong.

There is not much doubt now before the Commons will be passed, making hunting with hounds illegal. This will make Islington socialists feel better, but it will benefit the fox not one jot. Still, at least the Bill will continue to allow me two pleasures: fishing and listening to Starkey bite lumps out of people every Thursday morning in season. As Buerk said at the end of the programme yesterday: Taily-ho!

PETER BARNARD

One for the sewer rats

AFICIONADOS of operation rarities are known to take their pleasures in strange ways, but this one beats them all. Imagine, if you will, sitting in torrential rain, watching a blind father pelting with mud a devoted daughter who, after being abducted into a bordello,

hurls herself into a sewer. Ah, but prima la musica we are told, and were told once more in a series of idiosyncratic programme essays pleading the cause of Mascagni's three-act melodrama Iris, and lauding its temporary return to the rep-ertoire thanks to the enterprise of Opera Holland Park. Melodic intimacy, daringly chromatic harmony (well, yes, the prelude to the last act is written on a wholetone scale), real lyrical intensity? Well, this was 1898, and that was surely the very least you could expect.

The fact of the matter is that, as soon as the opening Hymn to the Sun is over, the audience is required to sit through more than two hours of music which artfully exploits every cliché of its time, disguising its lack of

Holland Park

true invention and substance in moments of ear-teasing orchestration and over-extended vocal histrionics. It is to the credit of John

Gibbons, conducting, that the ear is teased at all: the Opera Holland Park Orchestra is on good form, making the most of some dangerously exposed string writing, testing wind solos and Wagnerian brass pomposity - and all in competition with Holland Park's customary aural backdrop of shrieking peacocks and insistent mobile phones. Tom Hawkes, directing, does all he can, too, with yards of bamboo and silk, to animate this sickly specimen

The cast give their all: one can only grieve that it is in such an undeserving cause. Mascagni's attempt to redeem the longueurs and the

of pre-Butterfly verismo

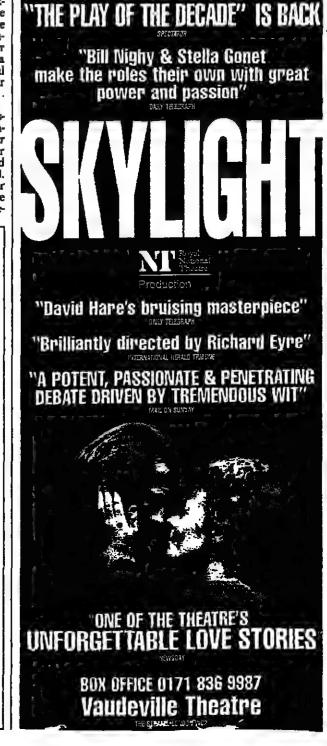
bizarre last-ditch apotheosis puts considerable pressure on the eponymous heroine who has, in her brief journey from fishing village to brothel to sewer, already been sorely vocally tested. Susan Stacey endures it all indefatigably, with many a moment of searching detail and lovingly sculpted phrasing.

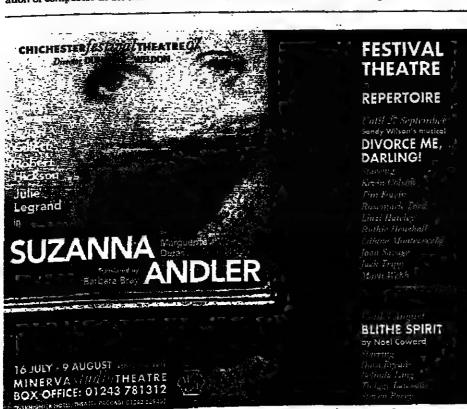
squalor of the ending by a

Justin Lavender's ever faithful and resilient Italianate tenor has just the sort of stamina needed for the role of Iris's procurer and wouldbe lover Osaka; her father, Il Cieco, is sung staunchly by bass Gerard O'Connor, and Fiona O'Neill makes a considerable mark as Dhia in the little play-within-a-play by which Iris is seduced and

Those who, like the longsuffering sewer-rat chorus members in the last act, feel compelled to grub around in the darker corners of the operatic repertoire, scavenging for anything of value, will be eager to collect this one. Others would be well advised to stay away.

HILARY FINCH





It's the little things Oasis do that mean a lot - like being fair with singles, for a start

Send them victorious

s you may have no-ticed at the time, the papers and television were full of news and comment about the handover. Trevor McDonald presented a special report on News At Ten. bursting with lots of whizzy graphics; the tabloids took their customary in-depth breeze through the hard facts. backed up with lots of pictures of young women in short skirts. Then, on the stroke of midnight, the Historical Event

Record stores all over the country opened as the clocks chimed 12 so that

loads of men in expensive anoraks could lay claim to buying one of the first 250,000 copies of D'You Know What I Mean? Now the singles charts have been formally handed back to Oa-

Their first new single for 18 months has already gone platinum and the world is. once again, filled with the joyful sounds of a man shouting over a wall of guitars.

The continuing success of Oasis bemuses many. When they first pimp-rolled on to the scene, with their fists rammed in their pockets and their expressions oscillating be-tween "mad for it" and "mardy", many explained Oa-sis away as a public hunger for a bit of rough.

A year later, their ongoing chart-toppingness was rationalised as a simple bout of nostalgia. The Beatles versus Oasis wars were kickstarted, and many arts commentators decided Oasisfever was just a longing for an almost remedial traditional-

This time around, no one's saying anything - yet -because the Spice Girls aren't doing anything until Christmas, and you should never look a gift news story in the mouth. Especially when that news story would probably thump you if you got any-

So why are Oasis still so huge? Well, obviously, the melodies and the voice are still insistently brilliant.

Also, Oasis have reached that point in their career where they have ceased to be a

national signifier for British-ness, like Union Jack pants and disappointingly mean sandwiches.

We won't all suddenly stop buying their records and going to their concerts, in the same way we wouldn't sud-denly decide to stop using the phone or eating crisps. A lot of Oasis-love can be traced back to the aforementioned remedial traditionalism. In a world where bands have new directions, hair-restructuring and makeovers every other Wednesday. Oasis remain reassuringly Oasis-like at all times.

But Oasis's trump-card is, as Noel Gallagher has frequently explained to the frustration of journ-alists looking for a more thrilling "People know what they want, maaan." Put more compli-

CAITLIN MORAN

catedly, the process of buying a single has, these days, become as tricky and decisionfilled as deciding on a personal pension scheme, or a particular "pulling" lipstick while in a

Wandering into a record shop, intending to buy a kicking tune heard blaring from next door's builder's radio, one is presented with a panic-inducing panoply of "choice" these days. The seveninch is pressed in exciting tangerine-coloured vinyl; but the twelve-inch has an "extra bonus track".

Buying "CD one of a two-CD box set" facilitates listening to a "new" B-side, but also means sitting through two remixes and a "Ha! No one's ever going to listen to it, are

The other CD has the other new B-side, which is better than the song on CD one but also has a remix of the terrible first single, and a horrible live version of White Lines (Don't Do It), for which the band have been "joined" by a member of Big Country.

It all makes the experience of buying a single more expensive and more stressful but also much less illegal than simply taping your current fave rave off the radio.

Oasis are one of the few bands to have bucked this trend. An Oasis single always band and have become a has three brand new, top-



Walking tall in the marketing wasteland: the cover of Oasis's D'You Know What I Mean? fied, promiscuous rush, they are now carefully controlled. Stern will always be garru-

notch B-sides on it - Acquiesce, Rockin' Chair, The Masterplan and Talk Tonight could all have been A-sides and comes in "just the one

format" format. This means buying an Oasis single evokes giddy childhood memories of tottering to Woolworths, packet money clutched in sticky paws. in order to blow it all on the new

that are good, with as much Smiths single and a pleasantly indecisive ten minutes in the value for money as is humanly possible, in one, simple to use, Pick'n'Mix. It may all seem a small point, but it's probably one of

easy to clean format. You don't need a Which? guide to remixes and B-sides the most important when one boggles at the continuing to buy an Oasis single. Which, to judge from the bleary state of the beer-boys buying D'You enormity of Oasis. They don't treat their musical career as a cynical exercise in marketing. Know What I Mean? at midnight on Monday, is just as and have returned to the old ethos of putting out records

Dangerous too? No

e has been married twice, divorced once, abuse scandal and become a father since he last toured Britain. But the intervening years dissolved like snow in the sun as soon as the extraordinarily lithe figure of Michael Jackson burst on to the stage of the 50,000-capacity Don Valley Stadium, Sheffield.

The 39-year-old superstar arrived in the nose cone of a rocket. Dressed in gold, robotlike armour-plating he opened proceedings with Scream, a razor-sharp distillation of space-age angst that reverberated around the huge venue with steely might.

in the ensuing two-and-ahalf hours Jackson powered his way through a show that touched on most aspects of his extraordinary career. There were moments of cartoon drama during the dance routines of Thriller and Smooth Criminal; bathos when Jackson threw himself in front of a tank (seriously) that rolled on to the stage during Earthsong; and at least one instance of unimentional farce when a girl from the audience. brought on stage to bond with Jackson during You Are Not Alone. got carried away and had to be prised, kicking and screaming, from her idol.

A medley of Jackson Five

hen Mike Stern's most famous em-ployer, Miles Davis,

supplemented the Boston-

born musician with fellow

guitarist John Scofield in the

trumpeter's 1980s "comeback"

band, he commented: "I thought that if Mike listened to

John, he might learn some-thing about understatement."

Verbosity has frequently

been seen as Stern's hallmark.

Once he stens to the front of

the stage and begins soloing.

music just seems to pour out of

Since leaving Davis's outfit,

however, Stern has disciplined

himself, so that whereas for-

merly notes tumbled over each

other, in a somewhat undigni-

lous, but these days what he

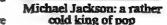
says makes perfect sense; he's even emulated Scofield in a way Davis could not have predicted by opting for saxophonists — initially fellow

Davis alumnus Bob Berg, now

West Coast tenor player Bob

Sheppard — as front-line part-

section, bassist Lincoln Goines



LIVE GIG

hits, including I Want You Back and I'll Be There, was accompanied by a collage of haby pictures and home movies. Falling on one knee and covering his eyes with his hands, Jackson milked the

moment of nostalgia. Among other stunts, Jack-



cold king of pop

son was "buried" under a huge bank of fake speaker stacks at the end of Black or White, encased in an Iron Maiden during Thriller and hoisted above the crowd during Earthsong, which was essentially a reprise of the Messiah-like image that so irked Jarvis Cocker during

Jackson's set at the Brit Awards last year. The set was punctuated with snippets of video footage from Jackson's back catalogue including sequences from Thriller, Dangerous, Remember the Time, and many more; truly an embarrassment of

Jackson's dancing was sensational, especially the moonwalking routines during Billie Jean and Beat It, and his singing scarcely less so. But, for all the slickness of its presentation and attention to detail there was a lack of emotional engagement at the heart of the show.

Jackson is a consummate performer and still the king of pop, whatever his detractors say, but he has become a distant and isolated figure, a predicament which this show, for all its theatrical skill, did

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DAVID SINCLAIR This review appeared in later

When tight is right



and fusion drummer supreme Dave Weckl, impose further tightness on his sound. That sound, too,

changed since the mid-1980s. "Head-banging" guitar might reasonably have described his approach then; rock-based effects — screaming climaxes, distortion — littered his solos. Now his sound is a great deal more homogeneous: an attractive, spangly, long-lined lyri-cism that might reasonably be mistaken for a slightly more vigorous (and prolix) version. of John Abercrombie.

To judge by the reaction of a large and vociferous Barbican

audience, Stern's is a formula with great popular appeal. Leavening typically punchy, straightforward material with moody, jazzy shuffles, and combining tellingly with the pleasantly throaty Sheppard, Stern produced 90 minutes of full-throttle, muscular fusion in which the fast and furious was mixed with just the right amount of restraint and taste. and the musicianly qualities of the quartet unaffectedly showcased.

Stern once explained his musical provenance to the Paris-based journalist Mike Zwerin thus: "I grew up with the Beatles and then fell in love with jazz. I came by both honestly. That may be my biggest dilemma or gift, I'm not sure which - probably

That was the 1980s; now, Stern has produced a genuine fusion between the immediate accessibility of rock and the rhythmic and harmonic sub-tlety of jazz, and what was once undoubtedly something of a dilemma has been transformed into a gift.

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ALBUMS: Down? Gloomy? Still missing arch-goths Echo & the Bunnymen? If so,

David Sinclair has good news for you

ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN

(London 828 905 E13.99) AS A symbol of what happened to British pop in the 1980s, Liverpool's Echo & the Bunnymen were perfect, Moody and magnificent in a stunted, self-consciously English way, they talked a good fight, but seemed to lose their bottle when anything but the most parochial

sort of greatness beckoned.

After the defection of singer lan McCulloch and the death of drummer Pete De Freitas, the band eventually fizzled out in 1992. But, despite the blots that marked their copybook by then - and there were many - a sense of unfinished business remained, as if the group had never quite made the best album they had in them.

Evergreen is certainly not it but, as these sort of reunions go, it is more satisfying than most. Featur-ing McCulloch, together again for the first time since 1988 with founder members Will Sergeant (guitar) and Les Pattison (bass), the 12 new songs all have that epic yet lilting quality, laced with a hint of darkness, that was the Bunny men's stock-in-trade. Baseball Bill, with its pugnacious lyric ("Are you looking at me?") is the most obvious out and out rocker, but more typical are songs such as

The Fet of the Land

Nothing Lasts Forever and Altamont, which proceed at a dignified pace and conjure the philosophical air of men who have returned to the fray a little older

and wiser. There's no more wishes in the well/No more dreams to sell," McCulloch sings on the title track. Maybe not. But even if it wins them few new fans, Evergreen is certain to revive old allegiances, and does so with some style.

PAULA COLE This Fire -

(Imago/Warner Bros. 9362-46424 OF THE many babes with attitude

to have come along in the wake of Alanis Morissette, Paula Cole from Massachusetts is one of the more intriguing. An alumnus of the Berklee College of Music in Boston. she is both an accomplished musician and a fiercely emotional performer. On This Fire, her second album, she combines outre outpourings of angst with accessible pop tunes, although not necessarily at the same time.

Most people will recognise her current hit, Where Have All The Cowboys Gone?, a seductive melody with a lyric apparently lamenting the passing of the traditional sexual stereotypes - "I'll raise the

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TOP TEN ALBUMS



Echo & the Bunnymen — Will Sergeant, Ian McCulloch and Les Pattison — won't change the world with their comeback, Evergreen, but their fans will be pleased

children if you pay all the bills" — but no doubt subject to a heavily ironic subtext.

At the other extreme is Nietzsche's Eyes, a dramatic, Tori Amosish affair with a piano and uillean pipes accompaniment, at the end of which Cole's voice is left stranded on its own in the mix, spitting out syllables with a raw mixture of venomous rage and unbearable

Somewhere between the two are any number of songs — such as

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Throwing Stones, with its aggressively fast, banging beat and Mississippi, a deep, sluggish groove with an undertow of ugliness — that make this an album full of grit and the frequent shining

TODD TERRY Ready for a New Day (Manifesto/Mercury 536 E13.90)

"IN THE beginning he created a groove/And with this groove he made us move/And it set our souls free/House was a way of life . . . " So begins the gospel according to Todd Terry, the American house music DJ, producer and remix specialist who is knowingly referred to as "God" among writers of the specialist club-music maga-

For Terry the beat is the thing. the more insistently pneumatic and unyielding the better. But, while tracks such as Free Yourself and Come on Baby are simple grooves decorated with even simpler phrases such as "Come on baby" or "Ain't nothing but a party going on", sampled and repeated ad nauseam, elsewhere Terry strikes a better balance between the de-

mands of feet and feeling. His hit of last year. Keep On Jumpin', and the current single, Something Goin' On, are two of several numbers featuring the soul diva vocalese of Martha Wash and Jocelyn Brown, while Ready for a New Day (also featuring Wash) brings a touch of gospel-style exuberance to the relentless fouron-the-floor pulse.

Guns in the Ghetto (Dep International/Virgin 7243 8 44402 EI4.49)

THE imagery of the title might suggest a return to the agit-reggae roots of early albums such as Present Arms, but UB40 are far too set in their mainstream pop ways for that to happen now.

True, the song Guns in the Ghetto is an emotional plea for an end to the widespread carrying and use of guns in Jamaica, where most of the album was written and recorded, but, as with the rest of the tracks on this somewhat slender

volume (running time just 38 minutes), it is couched in tones of such elegant and leisurely politesse that you would never mistake it for a protest song.

Like a vintage wine, UB40's brand of reggae has matured slowly and uneventfully, incorporating none of the more recently imported flavours of the ragga/rap and dancehall acts (although there are plans to release a DJ/dancehall version of this album later in the year). Rather than innovation, their sound is subject to increasing sophistication, whether it be the smoothy I Love It When You Smile or the soothing Oracabessa Moonshine, which will do wonders for the local tourist industry, if nothing

Paul Sexton on the sell-off that saw a generation of classics change hands

Motown put the soul in sold

Songwriters often say that their compositions are like children to them. Last week's purchase by EMI Music Publishing of a 50 per cent share in Jobete Music, a vast mansion of memories containing all the golden songs of Motown Records, underlined the fact that many of those children now have

foster-parents.
EMI Music's cheque for \$132 million finally coaxed classics such as I Heard it Through the Grapevine, Baby Love and The Tears of a Clown from the loving embrace of Berry Gordy, the man who built and ran the Motown dreamhouse after founding Jobete in 1959. EMI Music chairman and CEO, Marty Bandier, had pursued the prize of Jobete's 15,000-odd songs for 20 years and Gordy, himself a songwriter in Motown's formative years, had snubbed many previous sunors, including the acquisi-

tive Michael Jackson. Gordy remains chairman and principal shareholder of Jobete, but the deal effectively ends the autonomy of one of the mightiest of independent music publishers. Berry will still get to visit the kids at weekends, but the vintage songs of Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson and Holland-Dozier-Holland will be staying somewhere new on

In picking up the key to Motown's heritage, EMI Music adds a formidable new facet to an already vast publishing portfolio and will begin to work the Jobete catalogue. going about the publisher's business of exploiting the songs in films, television, and encouraging cover versions by

modern artists. The deal brought a rare moment of publicity for one of the most vibrant yet unseen activities in all showbusiness. It is as pivotal an aspect of music as the record business to which it is a brother, yet the world of publishing is a noprofile activity to the average record buyer. I don't think most people are aware of what publishing is at all, says Mark Anders, managing di-rector of the UK division of the independent, family-run com-









Motown's memory makers: Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson and Stevie Wonder

people buy a record and see the record as being the song, whereas it's two different things. A song is an intangible. it almost doesn't exist. It's something you can sing, and you can print out the notes, but it's not the same as a record."

want to keep it like that," says

EMI Musics UK managing director Peter Reichardt. Even inside the business, a lot of people say to me: We don't quite understand what it is you do'. I say: 'You should find out, hecause we have

been around a lot longer than you have'." Wheeling and dealing in copy-

shoulder with their publishing counterparts, every bit as keen to acquire song rights as the Bug Music.

"We are low profile, and we

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record ? rights as they do, major pub- used in, say, a commercial lishers may appear to be no more than the music industry's estate agents, but publishers both large and small are often a pillar of financial and creative support to the songwriter. At any gig by a nascent talent, artist and repertoire reps from record companies will be shoulder to

labels are to nail the act for a recording deal. Bug Music operates unlike many other publishers in that it represents the work of

songwriters, but the composer retains ownership of his copyrights. Bug administers the catalogues of such seasoned performers as Iggy Pop, Richard Thompson, Los Lobos. and a swathe of blues copy-rights, such as those of Willie Dixon, John Lee Hooker and

Buddy Guy. Like other pub-

lishers, Bug works hard at placing songs to generate both fees and profile for its authors, but none of them is going to turn on the TV and hear their song in a cornilakes ad unless they have given the go-ahead. "Under our agreement we

can't grant a right

for a song to be unless the writer agrees," says Anders. "But people want their songs heard. These days the question I get asked most often is 'Can you get my songs in films?"

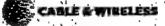
With the Jobete sale, the independent sector may be weakened, but not hobbled. One of America's greatest pop songwriting duos, Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, recently chose the independent Rondor Music, and not one of their many bigger suitors, to represent their treasure trove of 1950s and 1960s hits in Britain and parts of Europe.

Publishing history is full of tales of wicked stepfathers exploiting innocent songs while their real parents watch helplessly after signing the adoption papers. In 1985 Paul McCartney was dismayed to be outbid for his and John Lennon's catalogue by Michael Jackson, especially when the former Beatle discovered his old friend was making more money out of Yesterday

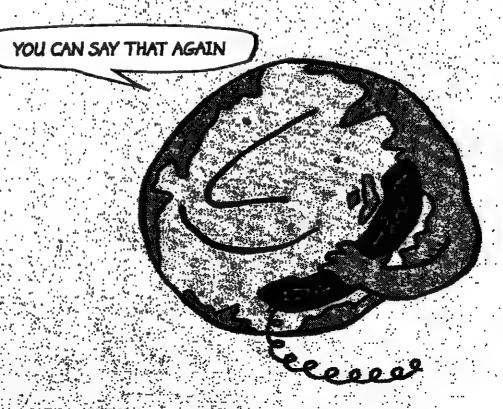
"Memories belong to a certain generation," says White, "and clearly the generation that grew up on Motown keep a special place in their heart these songs. But songs must keep their emotional power from one generation to the next and, if they're interpreted with respect, that can

happen."
If, as Reichardt promises, EMI Music handles its Motown inheritance with care, there ought not to be a return to the kind of song placement that once saw the Four Tops dressed in gorilla suits singing Reach Out (I'll Be There) for an American fizzy drink commercial.

"Jobete is now in much better hands; we're far better equipped to look after it," says Reichardt, "Publishers do have a responsibility for maintaining the image of songs. We get asked all the time for the right to use songs in commercials, but if it's wrong for the song, we say no."



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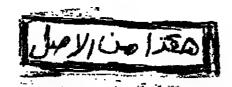
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onor McPherson's last play was a monologue called St Nicholas. in which a horrible Irish critic described coming to London and meeting a lot of vampires. His next-to-last play was This Lime Tree Bower, a series of monologues about life amid the chip shops and discos of a seaside town near Dublin. And if you were deaf to good stories, blind to fine acting and dead to human emotion, you could, I suppose, put down his latest play by saying that it, too, displays more talent for sustaining long speeches than for generating dramatic conflict.

I don't intend to be so ungrateful, for The Weir confirms that, at 26,

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McPherson is one of the brightest dramatists that even Ireland has recently sent us. Moreover, his playventures into an area which that defiantly three-dimensional form, the drama, usually ignores. When did you last see a decent ghost story in a

Actually, McPherson offers four ghost stories in what is and yet isn't an improbably dull setting. From Synge onwards. Irish drama has presented us with characters who escape from their drab lives by indulging fancy and exercising imagination. And what could be drearier than the rural pub where The Weir is set, with its scarred green walls, blanket-covered armchair, and plank of a bar?

This is where the occasional local comes for a chat about racing, the weather, or the coming influx of German caravaners. But, as the night thickens and the light gets yellower, the atmosphere becomes stranger, more fascinating. There is a good excuse for this. A pretty young Dubliner has just bought a house with a sinister reputation, and, when the mildly lecherous businessman who has sold it brings her in for a drink, she clearly impresses the male clientele.

And how do they compete for her attention? Why, in refreshingly un-English ways, Garage-owner Jack (Jim



Norton) tells a tale about fairies knocking on the door. Hotelier Finbar (Gerard Horan) follows it with a story about a spectral woman on the stairs. And then jack-of-all-trades Jim (Kieran Ahern) caps this with his memories of having met the dead paedophile whose grave he was digging.
At this point Julia Ford's Valerie, the

woman they have been politely plying with wine, makes an overdue exit for a pee, leaving the other characters to accuse each other of terrifying her. But this is as far as McPherson pushes climax; but Norton makes the ageing dramatic conflict, for no sooner has she returned than monologue reasserts itself. Ford launches into the tale of a bereavement so painful, so authentic, yet so bizarre in its consequences that even the collapse of a spectator in the second row did not noticeably distract a rapt audience. That takes strong writing and forceful acting.

The last-r. oment addition of another example of personal loss, this time from Jack, could have been an anti- BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

anguished old gnome so abjectly believable that I did not regret it. Indeed, Ian Rickson's production left me regretting nothing, not even the fact that Brendan Coyle, playing the publican, is the only performer with no ghost story to tell. But then is there an actor in London better able to fill silences with brooding emotion? I can't think of one.

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FESTIVAL: Tony Patrick discovers an extraordinarily ambitious new symphony in Budapest

The idea of British journalists travelling to Hungary to attend the premiere of a Swiss composer's work, named for an Australian landmark, sounds like something Malcolm Bradbury might have toyed with for its comic potential. In reality, a visit to Budapest for the 1997 Whitsun Music Festival offered a remarkable lesson in

mysterious, monolithic Ayers Rock in Australia, known to local Aboriginal people as Uluru. At the time he was dissatisfied with most avantgarde music, which seemed to offer no hope of creating work that could take composition into a future defined by instan-

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hefty philosophical questions. What do we perceive? How do we interpret it? What is reality? Is it the same as anyone else's reality? For instance, what we understand when we hear the word Uluru, or look at Ayers Rock, is not what an Aborigine will understand. but no less true or real. The piece is designed to encourage every listener to create their own version - the CD version can be programmed to play any or all sections, in any order.

Although the piece is in no

to the local Aborigines, they spontaneously responded by chanting "we are Uluru". Their chants have been incorporated into the piece, as have various Aboriginal instruments, with percussion (clapsticks and boomerangs) and a didgeridoo. ach performance of the

work is different in that 🚄 other elements, soloists and media can be incorporated. The entire score is on the Internet, on an Uluru site which has proved highly popular. Anybody can download the material, use it as they wish and then make available to other users what has been created from it. To date, besides the ever-evolving Fractal Symphony itself, there are the Fractal Opera, the Fractal Ballet, and even a Fractal

Hall though beautiful and with unequalled acoustic, is relatively small, and once the singers and percussionists had taken their places, there seemed almost as many performers as listeners. The atmosphere of excitement was heady and the delight of the musicians apparent.

It was an exhibarating occasion, and unique in that the next performance will incorporate elements of the first, and will employ different forces. perhaps including images and dance or other action, Bachmann hopes that he can next bring the piece to London. Meanwhile, interested British music-lovers can sample the excitement via the newly released CD and on the Internet (http://www.uluru.org and http://www.cybersymphony. com).

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to 16 years. One could not but recognise an apparent discordance

between the two categories of case.

It was one thing for the court to recognise the possible anomalies

tariffs; another to conclude, as the

applicant urged, that in those

pay more heed to the established

range for determinate sentences

than to the section 34 cases

Nor was his Lordship persuaded

that because McCartney enjoined

the Home Secretary in paragraph 9 cases to put himself in the

position of the sentencing court, which by definition would have

passed sentence before any bracket

established, therefore he, and

accordingly the present court, should ignore the Court of Appeal

On the facts of the case, Mr Fitzgerald submitted that even had

the applicant been an adult, a

seven year tariff, equivalent to a determinate sentence of 10½ to 14 years, would have been too long;

for a young person he contended that it was manifestly excessive.

Youth was important in two respects. First, it lessened the

extent of the offender's culpability.

Second, however, it introduced a

quite different dimension into the

case: the requirement imposed by

section 44(I) of the 1933 Act.

decisions in the section 34 cases.

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the approach to section 34

Court to set life tariff for young person

for the Home Department, Ex oarte Furber Before Lord Justice Simon Brown

and Mr Justice Owen [Judgment June 30] A court should set the minimum person to detention for life under section 53(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and that tariff should generally be half the

appropriate determinate sentence. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in a reserved judgment when granting an application by Donna Furber for judicial review of a decision by the Home Secretary on March 12, 1996 that the tariff period of her entence was seven years. The court made a declaration

that had the Home Secretary directed himself in accordance with the law as now established by R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Venables (The Times June 13: [1997] 3 WLR 23) he could not properly have certified a period eeding that which the applicant had already served in dete

In December 1991, following a guilty plea at Manchester Crown Court (Judge Rhys Davies, QC) to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility, the applicant aged 17 at the time of the conviction, was sentenced, by exercise of the judge's statutory discretion as a young person, to 53(2) of the 1933 Act for killing her

ten years to meet the requirements of retribution and deterrence. Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, recommended nine to ten years.

In 1994 the Home Secretary certified under paragraph 9 of Schedule 12 to the Criminal Justice Act 1991, because the case came under the transitional provisions of the Act, that section 34 of that Act should apply and that the relevant part of the sentence, the tariff period, was nine years.

The applicant complained that the tariff was excessive and the case was referred to Lord Taylor, then Lord Chief Justice, for reconsideration. In January 1996 he advised the Home Secretary that the tariff period be reduced to seven years and the home secretary accepted that advice.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC and Miss Philippa Kaufmann for the applicant: Mr Hugo Keith for the me Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that two central First, it was said that on the facts of the case seven years was so

manifestly excessive a tariff period for a young person that it should be held irrational. Second, the question of the appropriate tariff was approached on an erroneous legal basis: in

particular the requirement, it being a section 53(2) case, that regard should be had to the applicant's welfare, as specified by section 44(l) of the 1933 Act, was What was involved in the fixing

explained in R v O'Connor [1994] 15 Cr App R (S) 473, 475-6]. As to the thirds to be specified, there was little help from the authorities: see R v Vale ([1996] I Cr App R (S) 405. 409-410) and Practice Direction (Crime: Life sentences) ([1993] 1

When certifying a period under paragraph 9 the Home Secretary had to adopt an identical approach: he had to put himself in the position of the sentencing court and ask what period it would have fixed had section 34 been in force at the time of sentence: see R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte McCartney (The Times May 25, 1994). It was nelpful to indicate the range of sentences found in reports of diminished responsibility man-

The precedents fell into two main categories: those in which determinate sentences were passed and those in which life sentences were imposed following the com-ing into force of the 1991 Act, tariff periods being specified publicly under section 34. His Lordship noted that no case in either category had been found with egard to a young person.
As to the first category, eight

Court of Appeal decisions before the court indicated a range of three to nine years, with six in the six to eight year bracket. In the second category tariffs were in the six to eight year bracket.

Depending on whether those periods were intended to represent half or two thirds if the equivalent It was necessary to turn to Expane Venables, delivered on the first day of the present hearing.

nevertheless one of undoubted importance too when it came to fixing tariffs for juveniles sen-tenced to detention for life under

The majority of the House of Lords had rejected the approach, advanced by the Home Secretary no authority for the proposition that the punitive period should be the minimum period possible or that the approach to juveniles should be different to that for

That was clearly no longer a permissible view. Rather in the case of young persons, the court should set the minimum tariff so that the Parole Board might begin their consideration of the case sooner rather than la

What then should determine the minimum tariff? It was interesting Appeal in R v Carr ([1996] 1 Cr App R (S) 191), another discretionary life sentence case under section 53(2) albeit one imposed for causing grievous bodily harm.

There, even before Ex parte Venables, the court took half rather than two thirds of the appropriate determinate sentence when arriving at the specified period under section 34. In his Lordship's judgment, following the House of Lords' decision, tha enerally now should be regarded as the correct approach on section 53(Z) cases.

Mr Justice Owen agreed.

Part-time student entitled to seek benefit

Chief Adjudication Officer v Webber

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hobbouse Judgment July II

A person who embarked on a three-year course of study as a fulltime student but in his second year continued the course as a part-time student was not excluded from ment to income support by virtue of being deemed not to be available for and actively seeking

The Court of Appeal so ruled when unanimously dismissing an appeal by the Chief Adjudication Officer from a decision dated October 9, 1995 of Mr R. A. Sanders, Social Security Commissioner, upholding the Oxford Social Security Appeal Tribunal's decision in June 1994 allowing an appeal by Anthony Webber whose claim for income support was refused by the adjudication officer in December 1993.

Mr Rabinder Singh for the Chief Adjudication Officer; Mr Richard Drabble, QC, for the claimant

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that under the Social Security and Benefits Act 1992 it was a requirement of entitlement to income support that a claimant be "available for and actively seeking

mployment". Under regulation 10 of the Income Support (General) Regula-tions (SI 1987 No 1907) "a claimant shall not be treated as available for employment if ... he is a student during the period of study".

Regulation 61 stated, inter alla, that a person who has started on a full-time course of study) shall be treated as attending it throughout any period of term or vacation within it until the last day of the course or such earlier date as he

The "last day of the course" was defined as "the date on which the last day of the final academic term falls in respect of the course in which the student is enrolled. . . " The feature of the regulations

abandons it or is dismissed from

which gave rise to the present problems was that the status of student depended on the categorisation of the course on which the student was enrolled. The definition of "course of study" required that it was a "full-time" course. It thus presupposed that it was

possible at the outset to categorise the course as being either full-time or part-time and applied that gorisation to the whole of the neriod of study from the start of the course through to its last day. That assumption did not accord with the practice of universities and other institutions of advanced education. Some of the courses offered included a large element of flexibility and might provide for the course to be partly full-time

tions did not on their face take

In September 1992 the claimant began a modular course in environmental biology at Oxford Brookes University. Attendance at the university was either full-time or part-time depending on the number of modules being taken by the student during any particular

In his first year the claimant had to obtain nine modules and then a further nine in each of the last two years. He failed two compulsories and one other module which he resat in his third term but did not

At the end of the third term the university told him he could start only as a part-time student in his second year. He re-registered as a part-time student and applied for income support in October 1993.

Mr Drabble argued that where the course had a variable character was necessary to determine the character of the course, namely full-time or part-time, at each relevant stage, and during the academic year 1993-94 the claimant was not attending a full-time

On the other hand Mr Rabinder Singh submitted that the definition required that the course be categorised at its outset when the student enrolled, and once student tatus had been acquired it was deemed to continue through to the last day of the course unless at some earlier date the student had either abandoned the course or

His Lordship said that he preferred to accept Mr Rabinder Singh's overall approach to the construction of the definition in regulation 61 but to recognise that course which did not require fulltime attendance could not properly e described as a full-time course.

The course upon which the claimant enrolled was not a fulltime course and he never was a student" within the definition in egulation 61. LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-

as many years the court was required to consider the definition f student in regulation 61.
The lack of unanimity in two

Adjudication Officer (unreported. December 6, 1996) and the fre-quency with which points had arisen on that definition led one to wonder whether the draftsman of the regulations had properly in mind the wide variety of advanced education courses available to students today and the range of differing circumstances in which students who had embarked on such courses might subsequently

find themselves. For reasons which were in substance those advanced by Mr Drabble the appeal failed.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS. agreeing with Lord Justice Peter Gibson, said that it was one thing to treat a person as a full-time student at times when, although such a student he was not in fact attending the course, but quite another to to rely upon the deeming provision to create a status as student which did not in fact exist. in the Clarke and Faul case, during the academic year in quesbers of the university, and so far as the university and the claimants were concerned, their year of interculation was annus non.

In plain English, they were given leave of absence from their course, and for that period they ceased to be students on that or any other course. In the present case, the claimant

remained a student, but in fact a regulations did not exclude from entitlement to income support.

By parity of reasoning, the deeming provision could not be relied on to create a status of fulltime student which did not in fact exist. Ultimately that was a question of statutory interpretation. in the present case the statute was sought to be interpreted in such a way as to create, for no

apparent reason, an anomalous class of people left to destitution without state support of any kind. Express words of the utmost clarity would be required to persuade his Lordship that Parliament intended to produce that

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Social Security; Mr Justin

Officer v Clarke and Faul (1995) ELR 259) and Driver v Chief

No merit in appeal

al Commissioners Johnson and Another v Same An appeal by Mr W. J. Johnson from the judgment of Mr Justice Robert Walker (The Times Pebruary 10, 1996; [1996] STC 277) that had upheld the imposition of two penalties of £2,000 each by Blackpool General Commissioners for fallure to comply with precepts to inspect documents under regula-

Commissisoners (Jurisdiction and Procedure) Regulations (SI 1994 Court of Appeal on June 12.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT, sitting with Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Schiemenn, said that there was no merit in the appeal from the decision of the judge holding that to comply with a precept to produce books, accounts and other documents for inspection by a tax inspector a taxpaver must make them available at a time that was reasonable; not at his home at one minute before midnight.

THE SEATIMES

Quashing certificate of appropriate development

Fletcher Estates (Harlescott) Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Newell and Others v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Mr Justice Dyson (Judgment June 10)

When determining an application to quash a certificate of approprinte development, the Secretary of State for the Environment had to take the date of the proposal to acquire as defined by section 22(2) of the Land Compensation Act 1961 as the relevant date for the purposes of considering the applicadon of planning policies.

When determining such an application the secretary of state had to discount the effect of the underlying proposal to acquire actual proposal was made as defined in section 22(2), so that the proposal was treated as if it had never been conceived.

Mr Justice Dyson so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when allow applications under section 21 of the 1961 Act. by Fletcher Estates (Harlescon) Ltd and Joseph New-Hi. Eispeth Longmore and Wilsection 18 of the Art, in a letter dated July 4, 1996 allowing appeals by the Secretary of State for Transport against certificates of appropriate development issued in respect of land at Sundome, Shrewsbury on October 19, 1992

and December 4, 1992 respectively. Since 1970 there had been a bypass projected to cross the applicants' land. In 1986 the Secretary of State for Transport, the second respondent, made proposal under section 22(2) of the 1961 Act for the compulsory purchase of the land. He entered on to

In 1992 the applicants applied for certificates of appropriate dev-elopment, under section 17 of the as amended by section 47 of the Community Land Act 1975 and those were issued by the local authority in 1993. In 1996 the first respondent allowed the second respondent's appeals against the issue of the certificates, substituting negative certificates under section 17(4)(b) of the Act.

the land in 1990.

In making his decision, the first respondent adopted the date of entry in 1990 as the relevant date for the purposes of considering the tion of current and reasonably foreseeable planning policies; and he took into account the effect of the proposal to acquire the land before the date of the actual Mr Robin Purchas, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh for the applicants Mr Jeremy Sullivan and Mr Timothy Comyn for the first respondent; the second respondent

not appear and was not MILJUSTICE DYSON said that the case raised two questions of general importance:

The first was whether the first respondent was correct in adoptthe date of entry as the relevan date for the purposes of considering the application of current and reasonably foresceable plan-ning policies. The applicants contended that the relevant date was in 1986, being the date of the section 22(2)(a) of the 1961 Act. and indeed that was accepted as being the relevant date for the purpos of determining the physical state of the land: Jelson Ltd v Ministry of and Local Government

(11970) I OB 243). Since the purpose of section 17 certificates was that they should tion, and that that occurred at the date of entry or the date of the hearing, whichever was the ear-iler, there was an argument for

relevant date, as held in Robert of State for the Environment ((1979) 37 P & C R 140) by Str Douglas Frank, QC.

But in his Lordship's Judgment it the section 22(2) date was the relevant date at which all relevant facts were to be considered. There was no basis in the Act for there being one relevant date for considering the physical state of the land and another for considering the relevant planning policies, as both were relevant to the secretary of

In his Lordship's Judgment, Sir Douglas Frank had been wrong in Hitchins to seek to limit Jelson to its own facts. The second question was

whether the first respondent was correct in not discounting the effect of the proposal to acquire the land, which existed before the date of the actual proposal to acquire in 1986. The applicants had argued that the policies and facts at the relevant date should have been

riewed as if the by-pass scheme had never been conceived at all. while the first respondent contended that they should have been viewed as if the scheme had just been cancelled on that date. Mr Sullivan had pointed to the

thority, when determining an application for a certificate, to come to a decision on planning permission in respect of the land "if it were not proposed to be acquired by an authority" and not "if it had never been proposed to be acquired". He had also argued that the effect of Jelson was that all the circumstances existing at the relevant date should be taken into

His Lordship said that Mr Sullivan's argument was the same as that which had been rejected by the House of Lords in Grampia Regional Council v Secretary o State for Scotland ((1984) 47 P & C R 540, 570) where Lord Bridge of Harwich had said that since "every npulsory purchase of land can justified by reference to the public purpose for which the land is required, to allow reliance on that public requirement to determine the question raised by the application of [section 17] would lead to the issue of a negative ertificate in every case".

Furthermore, Jelson could be distinguished on that point, given that in that case the authority had abandoned its proposals three years before the relevant date. Solicitors: Manby & Steward,

Council can rely on statutory defence

Regina v Bow Street Magistraies' Court and Another, Ex parte McDonald (No 2) Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice

Swinton Thomas Dudgment June 10 A street musician was not entitled to dumages for the seizure of his guitar and amplifying equipment by officers of Westminster City of a warrant that had been

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wrongly issued by a justice of the peace under the provisions of the London Government Act 1963, as amended by section 42(2) of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1984. The council was entitled to rely on the statutory defence to a tortious act provided by paragraph L2C of Schedule 12 to

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the mu-sician, Mr Bruno McDonald, from

the order of Mr Justice Keene on July I, 1996, dismissing his claim against Westminster City Council

for damages of £1.1620. Paragraph 12C of Schedule 12 to the 1963 Act provides: "A constable or any person appointed for the purpose by the council who enters premises under the authority of a warrant granted under sub paragraph (2) of paragraph 12 of this Schedule may seize and remove any apparatus or equipment or other thing whatsoever found

Mr Charles Salter for Mr Mc-Donald: Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Timothy Spencer for the council; the magistrates' court did not appear and was not

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that Mr McDonald was a busker or street musician. In August 1993 he was performing in Leicester Square. Westminster City Council believed that a take to be unlawful because he had no music

The council's belief was based on the assumption that Leicester Square was "premises" for the purposes of the 1963 Act, it obtained a warrant under paragraph 12/2) of Schedule 12 and in reliance on it its officers seized items of Mr McDonald's equipment.

Mr McDonald was advised that beioester Square was not "premises" within the meaning of the Act and accordingly he had applied by judicial review to quash the warrant. He had failed before Mr Justice Dyson but had succeeded in the Court of Appeal (The Times March 27, 1996; (1996) 95 LGR 359). The warrant was quashed and the issue of damages remitted to a judge of the Queen's

Bench Division. Justice Keene who had held that the council could rely on the statutory defence in paragraph

The relevant requirements of paragraph I2C were: first, that the officer should enter premises with the authority of a warrant, and second, that he might seize and remove apparatus and equipment

if he had reason to believe they might be liable to be forfeited under the Act.

Mr Salter's case, relying on dicta of Lord Justice Diplock in Dailison v Coffery ([1965] I QB 348, 371), was that as Leicester Square was not premises and as the reasonable man was assumed to know the law, the officer could not reasonably have believed that Mr Mc-Donald had committed an offence, as he required no licence.

The judge had rejected that submission, approaching the matter as one of statutory construction. He pointed out that it would be sing too much of any officer to have appreciated that the mag-istrate had erred and he was entitled to assume that the warrant had been properly issued.

The judge was correct. The council's officer had entered under the authority of a warrant. That warrant was effective until exe-cuted, withdrawn or set aside. He could rely on the authority of that warrant because its issue was a judicial decision and as such effective unless and until spent or set aside by a superior court.

Lord Justice Diplock's dicta were obiter: indeed his reference to Herniman v Smith [1938] AC 305) showed that he did not regard himself as changing the law in relation to reasonable cause to believe. Further, the textbooks did not suggest that the defence of reasonable cause to believe had been narrowed by Lord Justice

The editors of Clerk & Lindsell on Torts (17th edition (1989) para-graph 15.30 p755) rightly ques-tioned the proposition that no prosecutor could be made liable simply on the ground that he was mistaken as to the law: all had to depend on the mistake.

They concluded: "It is not evidence, however, of absence of reasonable and probable cause that a mistake had been made on a difficult and doubtful question of entirely right and applicable. Lord Justice Nourse and Lord

Justice Swinton Thomas agreed. Solicitors: Wilson Barca; Mr

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as a deputy High Court judge so held on June 2 in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in an action between two successive liquidators of Salters Hall School Ltd. David Merrygold and John A. Horton. HIS LORDSHIP said a liq-iidator who had properly de-

rule 4.138(f) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) was not entitled by virtue of that rule to retain that remuneration in full if it sub-sequently emerged that there were insufficient assets to pay other expenses of the liquidation ranking no lower in the order of priority specified in rule 4.218(1) than hi own remuneration, such as the remuneration of a liquidator who succeeded him.

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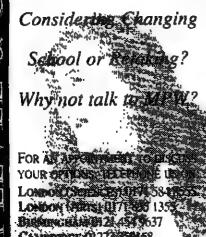
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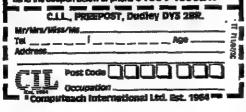
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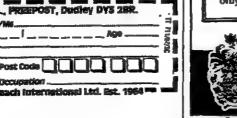


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Nicolette Jones

attends a school reunion

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(née Berwein) set out to find the 80. or so women myself included — who were at Leeds Girls' High School with her until 1977, she was, she admits, partly motivated by wanting to tell the good

"I wasn't very academic at school, and I felt I was a nobody," she says. "Now I have lived for two years in Paris and eight years in Israel. I have a family and I run a cheese-producing business that supplies big supermar-kets. I feel that I am

Anne's detective work, and that of our school tennis. champion, Rosemary Fenton, resulted in the tracking down of all but a dozen of our erstwhile cronies. So we were summoned, reeling from the realisation that we had been old girls for 20 years, and 44 of us agreed to show up for a lunch. Another 20 sent news, goodwill and apologies.

So, armed with natty hairstyles and new outlits, wondering whether we would recognise each other, we congregated in a dining hall that made us think of cabbage and spotted dick. By the end of lunch, but for the wine and the absence of pink custard on the pudding, it could have been 20 years ago; like a bad episode of Dallas in which everything that had happened since was a

It was not simply that in our OWI eyes we were unchanged." still pretty and the furny ones still tunny. It was that we had

the roles of two decades ago: Bryony, our head girl, who went on to work with Pakistani refugees and is now a GP. in Whitby, asked kind questions of our sixth-form-guide on the post-lunch school tour with exactly the grace towards younger girls that made her popular then. Anne was amiably berated by her triend Roth for talking down to her, exactly as she had done at school. I showed off.

By the time a group photograph was taken, the photographer found it hard to impose order. Women who, I am sure, are otherwise polite and amenable were suddenly giggly, joshing, mischievous. We had become 14-year-olds in 37-

year-old bodies. The school, whose suthori-





Everyone quickly fell into "Top, the way we were, and below, seemingly composed, but reeling from the realisation that we've been old girls for 20 years

. ties had arranged a tour of the new buildings, found us unco-operative. We did not want to see the new language labs and the new music block. Anne and Heather Sugden wanted to see the toilets they had flooded by turning all the taps on Others wanted to see the desics they had carved names on. We wanted to meet the

ghosts of our childhood selves. Alison Kerry, a mother of two, stood on the balcony where she had been an infant angel in a halo. We all walked the corridors we had regularly raced down and dawdled in. and remembered.

We were amazed, though, at the well-stocked careers room. in our day, careers advice was a teacher who mostly promoted nursing and secretarial a travel agency. And I became a journalist. work. We had defied her limited imagination. Among Helen, who became a solici-

us were doctors, lawyers, actor and went on to marry a countants, midwives, pharma-Conservative MP, rook the cists and lab technicians. prize for having the largest Alison had gone on to play hockey for Britain in the Seoul family in the group: four children. Most of us have two. Half a dozen are unmarried. as many divorced and as many childless, at least one by Diane, who was enough of a rebel at school to break the rules about wearing make-up, choice. Several have taken legrees as mature students. The school, now indepen-

We had our share of griefs divorces and bereavements, for instance — but the great thing was, it didn't show. It was clear we were all more sure of ourselves than at 16 or 18. And we were old enough to realise that there is something special about friends who have known you for a long time.

Helen Penn on what Labour can learn from the failure of nursery vouchers

is now a beautician.

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school. It took a percentage of

local children who had passed their 11-plus and paid no fees. Among them, Mandy, now a

school governor, is a personnel officer in the education department of Leeds City

Council. Elaine Holmes runs

Without rhyme or reason

The mursery voucher scheme has been promptly dismantled by the new Government — except in Scotland, where a decision has yet to be taken. Are there any lessons to be learnt from

this sorry exercise?" The vouchers were awarded to parents of four-year-olds to spend on part-time nursery education. They could be used in any registered setting providing an educa-tional curriculum that satisfied Ofsted requirements, be it nursery class, playgroup or private nursery. The scheme aimed to increase parental choice and stimulate growth of services.

It failed on both counts. It did not increase parental choice because there is, overall, a scarcity of provision, nor did it stimulate the private market, mainly because such providers are responding as much to the demand for all-day childcare as for part-time nursery education and, thus, the vouchers met only a part of the costs and were often not worth the effort of administration. In the event, it was localeducation for four-year-olds in schools; often without due consideration of whether school was a suitable place for them.

The Department for Education and Employment has now issued a circular explaining how the scheme is to be dismantled. A subsequent consultative paper fleshes out some of the ideas contained in the Labour Party policy document Early Excellence, such as "development plans" and "early years forms", But Early Excellence emphasised the need to review early years policy coherently, and "to bring together education and care... Services will be geared to meet the particular needs of the child and the review. the parent - offering not only education and care but family support, nurturing adult education and parenting skills courses. Policy implementation cannot. of course, be revised overnight but, unfortunately, the DIEE has not yet



included care in its considerations, and the circular is premised on the same inadequate assumption as the voucher scheme: that the desirable model of expansion is part-time nursery education

By now the evidence must show that the voucher scheme, if nothing else, exposed the fragmentation and inadequacy of provision. Many studies of parents use of nurseries, including the National Children's Bureau research on the voucher scheme, have revealed the daily confusion and juggling working parents face in trying to make arrangements for their young children. As one mother says: "What can you do in two and a half hours? You can't go out to work, you can't even find a part-time job to cover those hours."

. Under the Welfare to Work pro-

gramme, the Government is trying to persuade mothers, particularly those on benefits, to return to work. But the very system that might enable them to do so, an integrated care and education system,

as envisioned in Early Excellence, is not being promoted. Indeed, there seems to be some doubt about who is actually responsible for developing childcare facilities. While the DfEE claims that it now falls within its remit, it has yet to convince childcare lobbies and social service representatives that it fully comprehends the issues involved in adopting a childcare perspective as well as an education one. And where will the 50,000 new childcare assistants mentioned in the Budget be slotted in? Hiring people straight off the dole queue to work with young children seems an unlikely way to guarantee the high standards demanded by ministers. Most provision is still in the private and

voluntary sector, and parents must pay the market price. The provision is regu-lated by social service departments under the terms of the Children Act. The regulations focus on health and safety, and require high staff-child ratios. These requirements put up labour costs, usually about 80 per cent of the total. In private nurseries, only middle and upper-income parents can afford the fees. Unlike state nursery education, which must employ qualified reachers, the private and voluntary sector relies mainly on low-paid staff, many of whom are unqualified. The voucher scheme, in linking vouchers to Ofsted inspections, rather than to social service inspections, at least insisted on the importance of educational outcomes. The evidence suggests that these inspections were often seen as helpful by the providers, although many may struggle with the edu-cational requirements for them.

Despite all the fuss, the vouchers made no real difference, and their abolition is unlikely to make much difference. The Government must commit itself to new thinking, and more new money.

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Joan Clanchy reflects on how schools have changed

Retiring can feel a bit like falling off a cliff and one disturbing feature is that your failures keep flashing before vou. I was reared as a Scottish Presbyterian during wartime ratlieve in lavish spending. yet, try as I costs during my time as head have risen relentlessly. Every the other way; governors wanted to keep made it clear they did not want to pay more. Yet through wage freezes and two climbed steadily. It has been the same throughout the independent sector. A year's boarding school fees used to cost the equivalent of a Mini, now they are equal to about two Ford Fiestas, Curi-

school, we, like others, have chosen to be a good school. The chairman of governors annually seeks to explain "this year's increases". Technology is often cited. In 1975 this school had 800 students, two telephone lines and one full-time and one part-time secretary. The typewriters were vintage and the secretary used to dry out the carbon paper overnight for re-use the next day. There was no photocopier. It would not do today; we would be marked down on quality of printed material. The little A5 prospectus of 1975, with no pictures, would not do, either. The school office, with twice the staff, is twice as busy: the appetite for the information it can give is insatiable. Our seven phone lines and 50 internal phones are often

ously, the market has

pushed costs up, not down. When the

choice has been between a

good school and a cheap

inadequate. What has happened in the office has happened throughout the school. Students will take home reports this term with about a thous-

Blackboard yesterday, business plan today



Clanchy: retiring, and yes, a few regrets

and words on them. In 1975 they had about 50 words, of the "satisfactory" variety. Old textbooks covered in brown paper are a memory; instead students have files full of notes and worksheets and handouts, without which they could not face an exam - and being examined is a constant activity.

Even the advertisements that schools place in order to recruit staff have become absurdly expensive: placing a small advertisement looks cheap, so one has to show seriousness by placing a big Class size is the big issue,

of course, and everyone knows it. Try ensuring good "interactive whole-class teaching" with 30 teenagers, remembering that you want an oral response from each of them during the 37 minutes the period will last. Try taking their 30 essays home to mark and giving each one a fair ten minutes of attention. Try doing that for more than 30 periods in the week - and still sparkle with energy and authority on

Friday. Television-reared teenagers de-mand high-intensity performance from teachers. There is no point in apportioning blame for this: it just is so. They will not put up with the note-dictating tedium that went on in dassrooms when I started teaching in the 1960s.

And then there is

me, as head teacher. I am surely not as cost-effective as I was. I used to teach at least 12 lessons a week, now I manage a wimpish four partly because of getting older but largely because the "management" part of the spend more time in meetings, more time reading the morning mail (with consultants urging me to agement tips or to atexpensive courses) and more time on public relations than 1 did 20 years ago. There are more promoted people to

But they cost more. My grandmother used to say that "money does not buy happiness but it makes unhappiness a lot easier to bear". In the case of schools, money does not guarantee success but it certainly helps to avoid failure. An austere. blackboard-and-chalk school would not have competed in the independent chools market of the 1980s; if people were going to pay for education, they wanted it to be very good. My regret is the spending gap that exists between us and the main-

help me, and I need them.

n 1975 we were spending about the same per head; now my school spends £5,000 where the neighbouring comprehensive spends about £2,100.

Gordon Brown has given a little, but he, too, will have to overcome his Scottishness, and spend a lot more. ■ The author is headmistress of North London Collegiate

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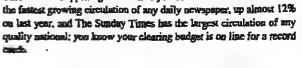
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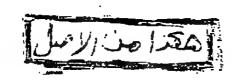


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Tyson in decline is no great loss to heavyweight arena

FROM now until the time that Mike Tyson returns to boxing, we will hear tiresome complaints from his supporters that the world heavyweight championship has lost its allure and the exploits of the division are not worth following. These people, who watch boxing not so much for its skills as its instant violence and brutishness, should be reminded that Tyson is no onger the best heavyweight in

That man is Evander Holyfield. From Tyson's two performances against Holyfield, he can no longer be considered even the No I contender. Tyson had lost his boxing ability in 1989 when he fought Frank Bruno and the deterioration accelerated after his humiliation by James Buster Douglas in 1990. It was only through the influence of Don. King that he regained his osition as champion. All he had to do was walk through two of the worst heavyweight champions — Bruno and Bruce Seldon - who did not even put up a fight."

Then, believing Holyfield to be a spent force, Tyson's team picked him. Instead of following the others into submission, Holyfield proved that if you did not leave your courage in the dressing-room and fought back, Tyson did not know what to do. All that Tyson had learnt in the gym finally deserted him after that first

bout with Holyfield. It is incredible that people still see Tyson as a hero. He is undeserving of any loyalty. He will learn little from his exile: and the world willing to pay millions to see him again can

As Bill Plaschke said in the Los Angeles Times after Tyson bit off part of Holyfield's right ear and then tried a repeat nent's left ear during their now notorious encounter two weeks ago: "He didn't lose his mind, that is his mind. This is just the first time anyone has seen it in the ring." The only. reason he will not commit another horrific act is because next time he will lose all his

purse, which is expected to be

double the \$30 million he

received last time. Heavyweight boxing can Tyson and is better off without him. He certainly gave the wrong impression when he bought a \$200,000 Ferrari in New York even as his punishment - the withdrawal of his licence and a \$3 million fine — was being decided by the Nevada State Athletic Commission. Yet, because of his sinister appeal to millions round the world, commercial interests

will see that he returns. Al Bernstein, analyst for the ESPN sports network, believes that Tyson will never be a serious contender again: "His [Tyson's] hands are no longer as fast as they were and fighters who fight that style go into decline - even if they don't have a long lay-off - when they get to around 31, 32. That is what is happening with Mike."

Joe Hawk, the columnist of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, does not want Tyson to box again. He said that when Tyson applies for his licence next year, it was his fervent hope that the Commission will turn him down each and every right to make a living. What Tyson did to Holyfield was, in

Yet Teddy Atlas, the trainer who taught Tyson everything he knows, pointed to the positive side of the heavyweight scene. He said: "Look at Holyfield. Don't look at Tyson. In our fascination with ugliness, we lose track of things. Look at what Holyfield has accomplished with his life. Don't get rid of boxing because of Tyson. Just get rid of the Tysons."

Dino Duva, the head of Main Events, the promotion company that is a rival of Don King, Tyson's promoter, said he did not even consider Tyson among the top five heavyweights. Apart from Holy-field, he believed Lennox Lewis. Henry Akinwande and Andrew Golota were capable beating him.

Boxing can survive without Tyson," he said. "Heavy-weight boxing can get a new start now. Great things can start to happen. You've got three champions who could unite the title. People were distracted by Tyxon, boxing people and fans, by the things that Tyxon got up to and all the bad things that were said. His fights drew gangsters and drug pushers and ugly things happened. The guys that are champions now are not just good fighters, they are good

As if to underline Duva's view. Akinwande, who is in Lake Tahoe preparing for his bout with Lewis for the World Boxing Council champion-ship, said in his usual selfeffacing manner: "That was a bad day for boxing. Now it is up to us, Mr Lewis and me, to try and bring credibility back

Spotlight falls on Boyce and Davey

Ruth Gledhill on a

couple seeking

to waltz away with UK youth honours

ne of the most glamorous and exciting couples to take to the ing their national debut at the closed UK championships in Bournemouth, where they are already tipped to win the youth event.

Warren Boyce, lo. from Bournemouth, dancing with the newcomer, Hayley Davey, waltzed off with the Essex county title on their first competition outing last Saturday and are already being compared to the world champions, Marcus and Karen Hilton, in terms of charisma and grace.

Their victory was even more remarkable in that they did not drop a single first from the panel of eight judges to the runners-up, Wayne Cheetham and Sarah Bellhouse, the well-established amateur champions.

Cheetham and Belihouse performed superbly across all five dances of waltz, tango. foxtrot, quickstep and Viennese waltz, but Boyce and Davey glided across the floor to a victory that seemed inevitable from their first "natural three" across the Romford floor in the waltz. As a couple, they are being

closely watched and are con-

sidered to be among Great Britain's brightest Olympic hopes for the future. Boyce, an established dancer since the age of seven, has an impeccable pedigree. Lynette Boyce, his mother, and Glen, his late father, were the world amateur champions. He was brought up and trained in Lynette Boyce's Bournemouth dance school, where he has learnt faultless technique and bold but elegant swing and sway, essential to achieve movement in the standard style.



Boyce and Davey's immense promise was underlined when they produced an eye-catching performance to secure the Essex county title at Romford described her as "very deter-

With generous helpings of innate talent, his one handicap seemed to be his height he has shot up to 6ft 2in. literally outgrowing his former partner, Lisa Bellinger. Boyce was introduced Davey, who is 15, by her Romford-based dance teach-Valetta Barton, who

mined". At 5ft 7in and with Vogue-style model looks to match, she had the potential to be the perfect partner for him, even though she had not danced an open competition in her life From taking medal exams

and practising solely in the

GOLF

Romford studio, she is now combining GCSEs with a hectic training schedule, travelling miles around London tuition with leading coaches such as Ernie Chatt, Peter Eggleton and Stephen and Lindsay Hillier. Her routine is as demanding and exacting as that of any athlete different," she admitted. "! was used to dancing in one place and going to one teacher. But I was surprised how quickly I adapted."

John Leach, chairman of the adjudicators at Romford. said: "I was impressed with their sophisticated style, which is peculiarly English. I do predict great things for them. They are certainly in the running to win the under-21 championship at the closed UK. They were a joy to

The three-day festival, which begins tonight with more than 300 couples and 1,000 spectators, is one of the most prestigious in the dance sport calendar. It comes as the amateur and professional sides of the sport have negotiated a deal to help to secure full Olympic recognition for ballroom dancing when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) meets in September. The IOC has already decided that ballroom daneing meets all the sporting criteria necessary for an Olympic sport.

The World Dance and Dance Sport Council, the sport's professional dance body, has agreed to take International Dance Sport Federation, the amateur body that has been granted provisional Olympic recognition, thus ensuring that the best dancers available will represent their countries at the Olympics.

According to Robin Short of the council, the deal is marvellous news for the future, as long as the conditions of membership are advantageous to both organisations". Gilbert Felli, the JOC sports director, said that agreement between the two bodies means that full recognition of baltroom dancing, now known as "dance sport", is a formality in September. Tony Banks. the Minister for Sport, favours the inclusion of ballroom dancing in

O'Sullivan joins Doyle's stable

TEAM GdeZ Capital, already regarded as the most powerful management group is shooter, further strengthened its ranks yesterday with the minorincement that Ronnie O'Sullivan, the world No 7, and Stephen Lee, the world No 16, have become clients (Phil Yates writes). Ian Doyle, chairman of the 14-strong stable of players, which includes Stephen Hendry and Ken Doherty, the world champion, said of O'Sullivan: "It's not a question of if Ronnie wins the world championship, just a matter of when.

Doyle claims the new alliance will extract the best from both players. O Sullivan, 21, had been managed previously by Barry Hearn, whose Matchroom stable now consists only of Steve Davis and Jimmy White."

Exit doors still open

RUGBY UNION: John Liley and Aadel Kardoonl, the Leicester backs, are about to join the summer exodus of players from Welford Road. Liley, a full back, is following Steve Hackney, the wing, to Moseley and is expected to sign a contract on Monday: Kardoonl, a scrum half, is likely to move to Bedford when he returns from holiday to link up again with Rory Underwood, the former England wing.

Krabbe loses appeal

ATHLETICS: Katrin Krabbe's hopes of winning compensa tion after being suspended for taking a banned substance suffered a semack yesterday when a German federal court upheld an earlier ruling that the German athletics federation (DLV) was within its rights to ban the former double world sprint champion after she admitted to taking

Pioline has to pull out

TENNIS: Cedric Pioline, the Wimbledon runner-up withdrew from the Swiss Open in Gstaad yesterday with an arm injury. The Frenchman, beaten by Pete Sampras at Wimbledon last weekend, pulled out of the clay-court tournament when he trailed 6-2, 3-2 in the second round to Alex Corretja, the world No 6, from Spain. "My arm was just

Team title beckons

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GOLF: England, Wales and Scotland qualified with some comfort for the top matchplay flight of eight countries in the European ladies' team golf championship at the Nordcenter Club, in Finland. However, Ireland, who managed only tenth place after mistakes on the first day, will now contest the second flight and are unable to bid for the title.

Loader out of tour

RUGBY UNION: Christian Loader, the Swansea loosehead prop, is out of Wales's tour of North America after tearing an ankle ligament in a training accident. He broke down on Wednesday shortly after recovering from a knee strain that had forced him to be replaced in the 30-20 victory last weekend over the United States.

CRICKET

Pakistani hopes of salvation hinge on Naqvi's resistance

SHENLEY (second day of three): Pakistan A, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 56 runs behind

ON ANOTHER day of brilliant sunshine the youthful Pakistani batsmen, led by their opener, Ali Naqvi, set aside the worful shortcomings of their first innings to enjoy a fruitful day at the crease yesterday and give themselves a chance of saving this match (Barney Spender writes).

Naqvi showed resilience and strokeplay reminiscent of the former Pakistan captain, Salim Malik. Working the gaps effectively, he punctuated his unbeaten, five-hour innings of 95 with 10 crisp fours.

He survived two straightforward chances in the last hour: an edge to Jeh at slip on 71 and a clip to Andy Flower at midwicket shortly after both went to ground with Geoff Foley, the off-spinner from Queensland, the unlucky bowler on both occasions.

Nagvi received good sup-port from Saleem, who fol-



Arthurton: landmark

a solid 34, but Hasan Raza missed out again which means the Pakistanis will be leaning even more on Naqvi today to see them out of a situation made more desperate by the dismissal of

Jamshed in the last over. Another Pakistani to earn his spure was Shoaib Akhtar, the fast bowler, whose excellent spell with the new ball brought him four wickets for one run in just ten deliveries.

The man who the Pakistanis could not remove, however, was Keith Arthurton, whose career with West Indies came to an agonisingly public end at the last World Cup when he had scores of one, nought, nought one and nought. Resuming on 138 yesterday, he had no trouble reaching the first double century of his

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Millfield find calypso rhythm

By RICHARD HOBSON

THE first final of the Calypso Cricket Cup was won by one of the established cricket schools yesterday. Millfield, alma mater to David Graveney, the chairman of the England selectors, overpowered Lancaster Royal Grammar by eight wickets at Headingley. The event was launched by

Michael Atherton 15 months ago as the first national event for under-12 and under-13 sides. It attracted entries from more than 1,000 schools from 37 counties, Encouragingly, a number of schools have used the event to stimulate interest in the game. Last year featured the county stages, with the best side from each region going through to this year's national rounds.

Ken Lake, the English Schools Cricket Association (ESCA) general secretary. said: There is a lot more cricket played in schools than

popular myth would have people believe. The England and Wales Cricket Board is getting coaches into schools, as are some of the county clubs. This competition has filled a gap among the age

Judging the health of the English game on interest at Millfield can present a false picture. It is rather like assessing the wealth of the nation by scrutinising the income of Paul McCarmey. There are some observations that are worth noting, however, not least a broad agreement that

among the present generation is Shane Warne. Alan Parker. the Lancaster cricket master. said that his team even spoke to each other in Australian accents.

flattery, but it underlines the importance of acceptable behaviour at the highest level. Parker believes, for example, that appealing has become increasingly aggressive dur-ing his 23 years in schools'

involved with junior county teams and the superiority of the Somerset school was evident throughout. James Hildreth bowled six successive maidens during his sevenover spell as Lancaster, after Daniel Hagen, who scored 22, and David Kidd, who made 23. had given them a sound start, were restricted to 122 for eight from their allocated 35 overs. Ben Simm cored 14 of his unbeaten 35 from the last three balls of the innings. Lancaster claimed two early wickets, but Luke Stokes, with 52 not out, and Matthew

Young, 50 not out, saw

Millfield to success with 8.1

overs to spare.

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Sorenstam off to a snaky start

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PORTLAND, OREGON

THE waiting over, Annika Sorenstam started her quest for a third successive US Women's Open with a bugey five at the opening hole at Witch Hollow,

Ridge, yesterday.

The defending champion hit
a long, straight drive, but
pulled her second shot into a greenside bunker and failed to get up and down, making a rather nervous stroke at her five-foot par putt,

Sorenstam was clad in black, but it was unlikely to be a portent of a gloomy day ahead. The Swede is too positive for that and knows that Open championships are not lost on the first hole.

"I feel very confident in my game," she said. "I have a lot of patience this year. This tournament is a 72-hole event and it's all right if you make a bogey on the first or second hole: there are so many holes left. I think that's the change I've made this year, to stay mentally there and prepared and not to worry about the odd bogey, just keep running along. There's going to be hirdies out there.

Sorenstam promptly gave herself a good birdie chance at the short 2nd, but had a par there and at the 3rd, before dropping another shot at the long fourth, Remedial action came in the shape of a birdie two at the 5th, another short hole. Lisa Kiggens, a longhitting American who was one of the early leaders, was two under par after six but fired her drive at the 7th, a par five of 559 yards, out of bounds on was nearly as far off line, but it was left, safely, if unorthodoxly, on the 5th fairway, but the end result was an ugly. demoralising nine.

That left top spot to Lorie Kane, a Canadian, who went out in 33, to be three under par, closely pursued by the Anglo-Scottish duo of Caroline Pierce and Kathryn Marshall, who were two under. Pierce had birdies at the 4th and 5th, while Marshall birdied the 5th and 8th. Trish Johnson was one under after holing a 12 footer for a birdie three at

Davies, who teed off with a two-iron, moved to one under par with a birdie three at the uphill 3rd but eliminated that with a double-bogey seven at the next. Lisa Hackney finished with

a level-par 71.

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RACING: TOLLER AND SANDERS ENJOY FIRST GROUP ONE SUCCESS WITH RANK OUTSIDER IN JULY CUP

Punters outfoxed by Compton Place

By CHRIS McGRATH

BARRY HILLS, trainer of the hot favourite for yesterday's Darley July Cup at Newmarket, has been urging the racing world that its interests are intimately entwined with those of the throng assembled in Hyde Park, After Royal Applause fell victim to a 50-1 winner. Compton Place, punters could see the link quite clearly. Betting, it seems, can

be the grisliest of blood sports. Hills had sent two coachloads of his stall to London, and attended the Countryside Rally himself be-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GRACEFUL LASS (7.40 Chepstow) Next best: Kahal

fore taking a helicopter to the climax of the July meeting. Royal Applause had earned II-10 favouritism with an authoritative success in the Cork and Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot: Compton Place, by contrast, had finished twelfth in the King's Stand Stakes at the same meeting. But it was Hills who drew a blank, and James Toller who earned his group one blooding.

Seb Sanders, likewise enjoying his finest hour to date, broke cover when leading on the far side a furlong and a half out, and the chasing pack down. It was the biggest shock



Sanders drives Compton Place clear to spring a 50-1 surprise in the Darley July Cup at Newmarket yesterday

in the race's 121-year history but the icy incredulity of most punters was thawed by their warm acknowledgement of a rare blow for one of Flat racing's smaller yards.

A recent exile from Newmarket - he is now a neighbour to David Elsworth in

Wiltshire - Toller's answer to the millions of the oil sheikhs is the loyal patronage of the Duke of Devonshire. The duke was at home, under doctor's orders, but will have felt a lot better once his game Indian Ridge colt had come under those of the starter.

"It wasn't a fluke. I always gave him a good chance of getting in the money." Toller insisted. "He only just got caught in the Gimerack last year and everyone kept telling us how this year's sprinters were not a good bunch, Royal Applause apart. Ascot was the

disappointingly, and it was also the first time that he ran on soft ground. Hindsight would suggest that to be the explanation, though Seb got him beautifully settled today. and that also made a big

loyed a reprieve in the meeting's big betting handicap, the Ladbroke Bunbury Cup, where Crown Court was backed from 6-1 to 7-2 favouritism. Ironically, the winner was Tumbleweed Ridge, an animal with whose quirks punters have become steadily more disenchanted. But Brian Meehan, his gifted young trainer, never lost faith. He has had a lot of bad luck, and has taken a long time to get his confidence back," he said. "In the Wokingham a Ascot last time, he was last a furlong out and finished thir-teenth [of 30], and he is better over this trip." Tumbleweed

change of fortune was de-servedly shared by Michael Tebbutt, who had spent nine weeks on the sidelines after cracking a vertebra in a gallops fall in April. I was giving this horse a stalls test when he stumbled and catapulted me over his head," Tebbutt said. "I don't know whether I was then kicked, or whether it was the impact of landing," Backers of Royal Applause will know feeling.
Tebbutt's recuperation re-

quired him to do a lot of walking in water. The meeting's final word goes — as it must — to a man now walking on it. Kieren Fallon, who gave Baltic State an indomitable ride in the Weatherbys Superlative Stakes. It was Fallon's sixth winner of the meeting for Henry Cecil, and the perfect vay to stop the hounding.

4.40 Red Cascade

3.10 NIGHTBIRD (nep) The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 NIGHTBIRD, Our Newmerket Correspondent; 4.10 Kehal.

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2.10 NAPOLEONS RACING HANDICAP (\$7,895: 50) (14 numbers)

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Rely on That Man Again judged on her victory here two months ago, followed up by a good third in the

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2.10: In a race with limited betting appeal. That Man Again deserves a victory after being runner-up behind Squire Corrie at Ayr (now 81b better off) and My Best Valentine at Sandown. Twice As Sharp, a winner over course and distance two months ago, and Squire Corrie are the main dangers.

2.40: Heart Of Gold is progressing well and, after winning at Redcar and Ripon. put up an even better effort at Newcastle when just pipped made out for Present Arms and Hen Harrier, but the best handicapped horse in the race is Dream Of Nurmi. At Newcastle in May he was

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a good third to Jaunty Jack at Epsom having encountered trouble in running. With the useful Royston Firench claiming 51b and today's step up in trip likely to suit, he

Wokingham. However, I fancy the chances of Nightbird. who showed bags of speed when beating Elegant Warning comfortably at Newmarket in May. Despite a poor draw she led until the final furlong in the Jersey Stakes and will be suited by the return to six furlangs. 3.40: Duraid quickened well

to win at Newcastle last time. but he may struggle off an 8lb higher mark. Arterxerxes, Sandmoor Chambray and the in-form Jo Mell all like to race prominently and given the likely fast pace this race could suit a hold-up horse like Pride Of Pendle, for 3.10: Bollin Joanne takes a whom Kieren Fallon is an eye-catching booking.

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5.30 Tarporley apprentices handicap

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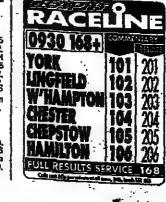
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(Please place your bet and make TRAINERS: D Morley, 9 winners from 25 namers, 36.0%; S bin Surcor, 7 from 22, 31 8%. D Loder, 11 from 43, 25,6%; H Cectl, 24 from 96, 25 0%; M Stoute, 25 from 125, 20.0%; J Dunlop, 18 from 52, 19 6%; P Chapple-Hyam, 8 from 52, 15 4%; F Barror, 7 from 46, 15,2%; P Cole, 14 from 96, 14 6%, P Makin, 3 from 21, 14.3%, B Mills, 14 from 108, 13.0%. 6 45 1, Prime of Life (5-1), 2 Lord felroger (4-1), 3 Red Neck (55-1), Palarron 2-1 to: Jockeys escape injury 201mm 715 1 Honeybod Wood (11-8 faz); 2. Cyprict; Alemar (3-1) 3. Generala (13-2) 10 ran WR Candord 7-451 Final Pode (160-30); 8o); 2. Peranan Gale (160-30); 8o); 3. Glenenylez (100-30); fon 17 ran (Please place your ue: and your free bet selection within the same call.) TONY CLARK and Tony McGlone were fortunate to escape serious injury at Lingfield yesterday in the Venner Shipley Golden Jubilee Stakes. Clark was riding Matthias COURSE SPECIALISTS Gale (160-30 g tan), 3 Stanlangter (100-30 g tan), 12 ran, 13 ran, 15-1, 2 Andrews Boy (7-1, 3 Colossus of Hoads (11-2) Communities (2004) 4 fair 9 ran, 124 Cooley's Value, 11adiati Shifting Moon, 8 45 1 Dissembnd Wagner (7-2), 2 San, 170-1, 18 ran, 173-1, 3 Varde, Luria, (13-1) Bumbelberty, 9-4 fair, 15 ran, 169 German Woodbord, Energy, 9-15 (13-80), Ministral (16-1), 7 San, Tarth (13-8 law), 9-Denabridier (25-1, 20 ran, 13-8). TRANSPRS: G Village, 18 waters from 37 relaters, 27 8%, 18 Prescut.
25 from 105, 23 6%, Land Hostongton, 48 from 254, 20 5%, 1 Berry.
27 from 152, 20 dby, D Elsenbith, 13 from 254, 17 8%, H Cardy, 5 from 25, 17 2%, W Lync., 9 from 53, 17 8%, Miss G Reflexing, 39 from 179, 16 8%. Mystique when the grey fell at the seven-furlong marker, interfering with Childrens Choice, the 9-2 favourite, who in turn unscated Jockeys 175, 18.8% G. Sellinjant, & warmer's hourn 22 miles, 17.3%; Annew Coule, 4 flows 25, 17.4%, 9 Flyon, 30 from 175, 17.1%; S. Sellinjand, 40 from 25, 15.3%, G. Marier, 13.3 flows 66, 15.2%, Marier, Dayer 10 from 72, 13.7%, A. Carth, 55 from 466, 12.6%, G. Guedantel, 26 from 234, 11.7%, M. Henry, E. Konn, 55, 10.9% L Delton, 42 terriners from 145 fides, 22 7% Pat Eddery, 34 train 199, 17.1%; G Parkir, 3 from 19, 15.8%, J Red, 22 from 153, 14.4%; M Roberts, 17 from 120, 14.2%; R Cochrone, 13 from 109, 11.9% McGlone. The Brooke Sanders-trained Matthias Mystique was found to have broken her right shoulder and had to be put down.

by Kilma. A case can be

step up in class after running an excellent second to well in big handicaps and she Memorise, who won a hot is not out of contention

> 4.45 (1m) 1, 85fett (L. Dohon, 8-1) 2, Zoom Up (33-1), 3, Amude (16-1) Fucimental 7-2 lav 15-on 13-1, 134 L.Cumain Tota 58 00: 52 80 57-30 54 70 DF 5271 90 Trio £415 30 CSF 5245 77 Tripast 53,907 87 Jackport. Nor won (post of £17,244.98 carried forward to York today).
> Placeport £200.10. Quadport £71.20.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

LINGTIBIO P'ark
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1.90.15(1). Bowden Rose (P.P. Murphy, 1.2
1.9. Tuscan Down (5-1), 3 Malibu Man (9-2)
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Spender III. 3 M Standard Total (1.2) of
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3.40 °C) 1 Compton Place (S Sanders, 55-11 °C Paye Appliance (H-10 fay) 3 Indian Rose (**11 °C 12 °C 14 °C 14 °C 15 °C 1 250 90 CSF 251 41 2.55 (1m 6) 1 Deggo (V 1.0 Cormor 6-1), 2 Alcor Colony (16-1) 2, Rosganesque (5-1) Children 2 Chore 9-2 24 vin 1-3 vin 2-1 31 C Bertant Toy (6-9), 52 10 (3-40, 53 30 DF 5101 97 170 (30-6) CSF 1102 07 Trougt 6497 60 <u>Pick up the phone</u>

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8/1 Lady Sheriff **16/1** For The Present 8/1 Squire Corrie 20/1 Chemcast 8/1 Twice As Sharp 20/1 Tadeo

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Wednesday's late details Epsom

6.30 f. Lend A Hand (2-1 fra), 2, Bercardo Befono (3-4), 3, American Couper (30-1), 9 7 00 1, Taura 11-10 tau), 2 Such Balaness (22-1), 3 Denes (14-1) 4 tan 187 Cobie 7 30 1 Mr Cuse (6-1), 2 Sea Darze (11-2), 2, Roseate Lodge (12-1), 11 ran Ni-Banzhet Rober The Fores, Réd., Speedz 8.00 1 Rising Dough (7-1) 2 Pachyan (3-1 tax), 3 Traceability (5-1) 11 ran NR Burning Piquant Yolia

CHESTER

THUNDERER

DRAW: 5F-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST (£2,848: 7t 122yd) (14 runners)

11 (14) 4300 BALLARD LADY 8 (0.5) J Warningle 5-7-72 P Don 19)
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13 111 4003 MY HACELOUS FRINCE 7 P Bren 5-7-10 D Denby 59 94
14 (6) 0000 DAVID JAMES GRIL 7 (8) D.S.) A Sewin 5-7-10 Acros Boston (7) 8000 DAVID JAMES GRIL 7 (8) D.S.) A Sewin 5-7-10 Acros 6-6-6-6-6-6

7.00 TARVIN LIMITED STAKES (£3,768, 1m 4f 66vd) (8)

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(3-Y-0 25.294 51 16:00 (9)

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(68,342, 1m,2f,75yd, (6)

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BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IAN WRIGHT, the Arsenal striker, was yesterday fined £15,000 by the Football Association, one of the largest financial penalties imposed on a player for misconduct on the pitch. The FA decided on the line, rather than another lengthy ban for the England international, at a hearing at a Hertfordshire hotel.

Wright, 33, was accompanied by his manager, Arsène Wenger, at the FA Commission disciplinary meeting, where he was answering charges relating to incidents during Arsenal matches at home to Blackburn Rovers on April 19 and away to Coventry City two days later.

They centred on remarks made by Wright to the referee on the first occasion and gestures to the crowd on the

David Davies, the FA director of public affairs, said: "The Commission made it absolutely clear to Ian Wright that he could expect no sympathy whatsoever if he appeared before them again in similar and proven circumstances. The severest of penalties that would remove him from the game for a very long time would be inevitable."

buoyant mood in the bright Hertfordshire sunshine as Arsenal's polygior new squad gathered and spoke optimistically about the coming season. There were Dutchmen, there were Frenchmen. Wright, his skull runhlessly shaved, gold

rings in his ears, said he was delighted to see them all. After all. Wenger had "virtually said to me that your place will be there for as long as you're fit enough to claim it, and you can't be fairer than that. There seems to be some-

two new French signings from AS Monaco, Emmanuel Petit. 26. Petit said that Wright's presence was one of the things that attracted him to Highbury. The other, of course, which drew both him

and his Monaco team-mate,

Gille Grimandi, is the pres-

between Wright and one of the

Hotspur, asked if they could

let him have some English

currency and when they obliged he took a taxi to

Highbury, where he signed

for Tottenham's great rivals.
"Je suis desole," he said. "I

didn't know about the rivalry

already greatly impressed him in training. "What I've seen of

Manny, he's a real top-class

player: got a lovely left foot. I really look forward to playing

with him." It was a sentiment

he repeated about Marc

Overmars, the £7.5 million

Patrick Vieira, a Frenchman

who has already been with

Arsenal for nearly a year, said

ne was delighted that Petit and

Grimandi had arrived, not

only because they were French

but because they were excel-lent players who would give

the side. Language is no problem. Several of the ju-

niors communicate in Italian;

the foreign players in the first-

team squad almost all speak

The two Dutchmen, Dennis

talked jointly to the media.

Overmars, that swift winger who undid England at Wem-

bley in a World Cup qualifying match, said he had been

thinking of leaving Ajax for the past eight months. Bergkamp was surprisingly

outspoken about the transfer

to Middlesbrough of Paul Merson this week. "He was

one of the players who could

decide a game. He's got a lot of

skill, got a great right foot.

made and I don't know by

Bergkamp also looked back

philosophically over the two

unhappy years he had spent

with Internazionale in Milan.

"Sometimes it doesn't go your way. You get stronger by that.

And that was two fairly good

years for me from a learning

"It's always nice to join

club with a lot of ambition. I

felt in Italy they weren't on the

same line as I was. I was

playing football, attacking

lootball and they weren't one

week, they were one week."

point of view.

decisions are

him support and strength in

newcomer from Holland.

Wright said that Petit had

ence of Wenger himself, who coached them from their early days with the French club. Petit still seems slightly embarrassed by the confusion over his signing for Arsenal. He arrived at White Hart



Wright, left, in happier mood with Pereira, his new Arsenal team-mate, before the fine was announced

Ginola takes Spanish option

BY DAVID MADDOCK

IT HAS not been a successful summer for Alan Sugar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman. Juninho and Danny Murphy have already resisted his advances and now David Ginola, the Newcastle United and France winger, has fol-lowed suit by declining a move

to White Hart Lane. It was not for want of trying on Sugar's part. He flew Ginola at great expense for talks, but the Frenchman has decided that his future lies abroad. The player's agent, indicated yesterday that he will be moving to Spain. where four teams are vying for Cinola's signature: Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid, Real Zaragoza and Valencia.

away from Tottenham Juninho - completed his move to Atlético Madrid yesterday, when he signed a fiveyear contract worth in excess of £7 million.

Liverpool also encountered problems yesterday when a medical check on Murphy revealed knee problems. The deal is likely still to go ahead with a re-negotiation of the transfer fee to Crewe Alexandra, which was originally set at £1.5 million, with £500,000 to be paid in stages.

Liverpool also have yet to complete the transfer of Paul Ince from Internazionale. The England midfield player is still in talks with his Italian club over monies he believes Another of those who got he is owed and the deal is not

expected to be completed until early next week. Plenty of transfers did go through yesterday, however, Paul Warhurst will move from Blackburn Rovers to Crystal

Palace for £1.5 million and

signed the Iceland internation-

Wanderers have

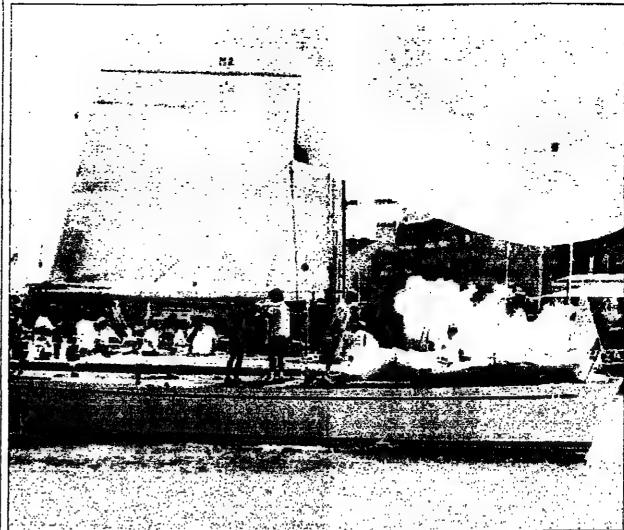
al, Arnar Gunnlaugsson, for £100,000 from Akranes. However, the proposed move of Peter Ndlovu from Coventry City to Birmingham City has fallen through, because he failed a medical on his injured knee. Birmingham have turned their attentions to Ole Martin Arst, a Norwegian

who will sign at the weekend

from Tromso for £2 million. Obituaries, page 25

Assuage proves her racing pedigree

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Assuage crosses the line in front of the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes in the final race in the regatta yesterday

Robinson wraps up Swan series

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

TERRY ROBINSON, the Commodore of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, yesterday sealed an impressive win in the Rolex Swan European Regatta at Cowes. Lying third overnight in his one-year-old Swam 48, Assuage, he finished second in the fifth and final race yesterday, which was just enough to secure a series win. Assuage had looked fast throughout the regatta and yesterday she sailed another consistent race, again in a light easterly breeze under blue skies in the eastern Solent, Early on, she man-aged to get ahead of Kees-

Jan Baartmans's Splendid.

which is a full 20ft longer than

Robinson's boat, but despite

Splendid's extra length, Robinson's crew held the lead on two very long downwind legs to beat her by a boat length on the water and by 20 minutes on corrected time.

Assuage's second place in the race overall gave her a total of 18 points for the series. Cowes-based Swan 44, Flamboyant, owned by Chris Jago, with the 40-footer, Jacobite, owned by Stephen James, in third place. Irvine Laidlaw's Highland Fling, which took line honours in every race. finished fifth overall after finishing twentieth on correct-

ed time yesterday. Robinson was satisfied with his week's work, which follows a tenth place in the Swan world championships last year, when Assuage was brand new. "We've had a fine models on show in the 51strong fleet effectively and regatta," he said, "She's quick without serious dispute. Of anyway, though we have not necessarily sailed her to her the first 15 boats overall for best. She is a totally different the championship, no less configuration to our last than 14 were different models.

Swan and it has taken us One of the best performers some time to understand the was one of the oldest and prettiest boats in the fleet, the While some boats boasted Swan 36, Shaytana, built in one or two "rock stars" — elite 1968 and owned by John McIntyre. She finished sixth, sallors — among their crews, just two points behind Laidlaw's state-of-the art 60-Assuage had no big names on board. However, Robinson's footer, which was built in 1994 crew, led by the J/24 sallor, Andrew McLelland, on the wheel and Chris Hamel on tactics, have sailed together

for several years and this was

evident in their fluent

The Swans sail to the class's

own handicap system, the

Nautor's Swan Rating, which

seems to have equalised the 22

teamwork.

specifically for racing.

In the last leg of the BT Global Challenge, the crews continue to experience frustrating conditions as they make their way slowly across the Atlantic. The fleet leader yesterday was Group 4, with Toshiba Wave Warrior sec-

ond and Concert third.

2.50 CANTON APPRENTICES CLAIMING LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: \$2,008: 1m 1/79yd) (9) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.20 STARBUCK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,277: 6l) (7 runners)

CHERSTOW

market Correspondent 7.40 Graceful Lass.

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 STRAIGHT MILE HANDICAP
(3-Y-0: £3,852; 1m 14yd) (11 names)

1 0020 WANT HAPPENED WAS 3 (F) M Micros 8-7

2 0160 TAL-Y-1/W 13 (5) 6 180 8-7

2 5530 TYCOON 688, 25 (F) 8 Micros 9-5

5 0235 KENARRA 13 8 Millions 9-5

5 562 TARSSHAN 42 M Stude 9-5

6 562 TARSSHAN 42 M Stude 9-5

7 500 SULPER SECRET 11 M Hoston-Bis 8-2

8 4344 WITH A WALL 9 H Comby 8-6

9 5345 MISTY CAT 13 (0.15 5 10cm 8-7

10 1003 SARATOGA RED 11 (B) W 0 Borman 8-6

11 0052 JOLLY JACKSON 15 R Matural 8-3

5-7 Loor from 5-1 (b) Linckson 8-1 Kenstra 8-1 Misty Cay

7.10 EVENING SELLING HANDICAP

2 QQ/D JAVA SHPIPNE 12 (F) A Chambertain 6-9-12

5-2 Tangstein, 5-1 July Jackson, 6-1 Kenorra, 8-1 Missy Cay 10-1 others

2,020. THE 1-19) (2-9) 1 1556 FINSBURY FLYER 11 (BF,C,D,G,S) R Hadges 4-10-0 P P Murphy (3) 5



2-1 Carris Pearl, 5-2 Rescript Lass, 7-2 Just Goard, 5-1 Smisshire Bay, 6-1 Snear Partridge

8.10 EUF FLEUN DE LYS NOVICE

11-8-Magello, 9-4 Alfiglia, 5-2 Testeus Fugel. 18-1 Days DI Grace

8.40 UNIVERSITY AND LITERARY CLUB LIMITED

NALES (23,500. 01 Gyo) (37)

1 0100 MR BERGERAC 13 (0,F,G,S) B Painag b.9.3 T Sprake 9

2 2253 CHEWIT 63 (0,F, 6 L Moore 5-9-0 Canny Moors 5

3 6564 GGLDEN POUND 9 (0,F,G) Gay Addressly 5-9-0 J Reid 7

4 26-0 TOLYNE 84 (0,F) W Haggis 4-9-0 S Drawdo 8

5 00-2 SHAMANIC 18 (0,F,G) S Woods 5-9-0 Dane 07 Reid 2

6 -160 YOUDOWISAY 27 (0,F,G) T Manghoto 5-9-0 Dane 07 Reid 2

7 1500 DAWALE 27 (0,F,F) J Bern 3-8-8 D Holland 3

8 130- MLRHON 300 (0,G) T Themson Jones 3-8-8 S Sanders 5

9 0620 ROD'S PET 6 (6,G) R Hamno 3-8-8 Pat Edday 4

5-2 Chernit, 9-2 Stramant, 6-1 Dayvide, 7-1 Golden Pound, 8-1 Kilvine. Youdontsay, Red/t: Pet, 12-1 others.

4 0034 FREEDOM CHANICE 20 (F) J Hills 3-9-4 Sam Disapten (S) 3
5 300- MEST'S MEMORY 551 (G) A Steete 4-9-3 ... T Saddail (S) 1
6 6230 ATLANTIC MEST 32 (D) S) B Milleon 4-9-3 R Southelme (S) 7
7 -003 SELECT STAR 6 A Janes 3-8-9 C Carrier (S) 10
8 (550- SUPERMEKT STAR) (B) F, By W Marr 6-7-12 Comberley Hart 4
9 0042 BRONHALLOW 8 (S) Mrs. B Warng 4-7-12 ... J Fowle (S) 6
10 000 TURNI TO STONE 54 J Nearlie 3-7-11 ... A Polit 9

3-1 Wasteshester, 7-2 Brooksillon, 4-1 Silon Forum, 5-1 Freedom Charico 7-1 Select Str., 14-1 Atlanto Mrs.I. Septemack, 16-1 others.

9.10 SUNSET APPRENTICE HANDICAP

STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,142: 51 16yd) (4) .

STAKES (£3,556: 6f 16yd) (9)



12	4.00
13	4.20 MARIANA SELLING STAKES
16	(£1,985: 1m 4f) (6)
14	1 2344 ESPERTO 2 (BF.O.S) J Pearts 4-9-10 . C Teague (3)
18	2 00- DUNISTON STAR 242 B Prece 4-9-5 D Whight 3 2000 MaySTIC STRAND 9 W G M Turner 4-9-0 . D Sweeney (5)
12	4 G. RAW DEAL 12J B Proces 4-9-0 Y Skatery
12) 1 11 10	5 0500 BALLYDINERO 11 (8) J H Wilson 3-8-6 . Angela Hardey (7) 6 -300 KAYZEE 27 D Burchell 3-8-1
iė	6-4 Experts, 3-1 Myster Strand, Keyzar, 7-1 Bullydness, 12-1 Duneton Sar, 14- ham Dad.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

Gold. 9.20 Old Hush Wing.

DRAW. 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.50 JUDGE AMATEUR PIDERS HANDICAP

7.20 SCOTTISHPOWER CLASSIC NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,653: 5f 4yd) (5)

7.50 FIELD & LAWN (MARQUEES) SELLING STAKES (£2,346, 6/5yd) (11)

1 6360 SHONTAINE 7 (D.F.G) M Johaston 4-9-8 . 2 3033 LEADING PRINCESS 7 (B.CD.G) Mcc 1 Percel 6-9-4

2-1 Bolico: 4-1 Leading Plancess, 5-1 Henry The Hawk, Shortaine, 8-1 others.

1 0134 MONELON 72 (D.G) R Hollisched 9-12 . P Fredericks (7) 2
2 12 PERPORT 27 (CD.F) R Fatary 8-9 . . R Winston (7) 1
3 6011 RSXY WHSXY 15 (B.D.F.S) J Berry 8-4 . . P Fessey (3) 3
4 6521 ROTAL JONE 14 (G) M British 7-10 . . . G Barriach 5
5 040 DSSPOL LASS 24 P Caber 7-10 . . . Darren Motifat (3) 4

2-1 Pierpoint 5-2 Rhshy Whisay 11-4 Mequelon, 4-1 Inchalong, 23-1 Dassel Lass

22,640: 51 4yd) (10 runners)

1 0611 PALACEGATE JACK 23 (2.0),6 J Berry 6-12-0. Mass R Clark 2

2 3630 INSIDER TRADER 22 (B.JF.O.F.G.S) Min J Ramoden 6-11-9

3 -004 SM FOR LUCK 4 (D.F) D Notan 5-10-9 - Mass B Clark (7) 5

4 0002 STEPHENSONS ROCKET 10 (BF.O.F.G.S) R Folloy 6-12-0

5 0415 ANDTHER INGERTMANE 7 (CO.F.G.S) R Mohester 5-10-9 (Sch.)

6 3809 SUEDORD 4 (C.F.) J Golde 7-10-8 - - - 0 Method (5) 3

7 0822 PALLIAM 4 (B.D.F.S) D Notan 9-10-8 - - - - 0 Method (5) 3

8 6056 SUBDAY MAIL TOOL 10 CO.S. Mass D Sour (7) 4

9 -805 BELANY STAR 15 (8) J Fyra 4-9-8 - Mics D Jones 10

10 -000 LORD CORNELIDUS 4 D Notan 4-9-7 - Mins D Wilsonson (7) 7

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

4.50 HOWLAND HANDICAP (£2,277: 51) (7) 1 5-004 MARLORIE ROSE 10 (CD.6) A Basey 4-10-0 D Wingin 8 2 4010 Asin't ESSH 18 (B.CD) I N Witson 4-9-11 Angels Hardley (7) 7 2 2060 MARROS STREET 4 (B.D.6) P Eura 4-9-9 J F Egan 2 4 4004 ROSER ENSER'S 34 W M Bestourne 4-8-5 J Carron 5 5 00-0 IB HIGH 48 N Literacian 4-9-4 T G MacLaughin 1 5 -032 D'ERBOS RANGE 14 N Bern 5-8-3 . P Bradley (7) 3 7 000 LAKE ARIA 20 Mar A Naughton 4-7-10 J Fowle (7) 3 15-8 Openang Parrya, 11-4 Manjarre Rose, 3-1 Rover Ensign, 7-1 Army Leigh, 8-1 Liberno Struck, 16-1 Hs Hoth, 33-1 Lake Arna.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: D Lode: 9 winners from 25 miners, 36 0%, M Prescon 21 from 91, 73 fr., J Papice 10 from 53 18 9%, C Dwyer, 9 from 53, 17 D%, W Haigh 4 from 25, 16 0% W 6 M Turner, 14 from 105 13 3% JOCKEYS: D Sewerney, 10 womens from 46 tables, 21 7%, R Lappin, 9 from 60, 15 0%, D McCabe, 11 from 75, 14 7%, D Holland, 14 from 104, 13.5%, J Egan, 9 from 69, 13.0%, 5 Sanders, 37 from 310, 11.9%, D Endistric 9 from 63

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 7 10 Charlton Imp. Circle Of Magic: Rosenkavalier 9 10 Bronhallow Chester: 5 30 David James: Get Reinhald: Hamilton Park: 6 50 Bettey Ster Lingfield Park: 2.30 Green Golghily, 3 00 Wirdeyedbushvalied 5 00 Sormersby Wolverhampton: 2 20 Fals O Moness 2 50 Forget To Retundrite, kustom kill Klassic 4 20 Ballyclinero

8.20 HAMPLTON PARK SUNDAY MAIL SKY 1 1-22 WESTERIN GÉNERÁL 10 N.J. (3.5) Miss M Milligan 8-10-0 Přessey (3.) 3 2 D112 BEST OF ALL 11 (B.F.G.S.) J Berry 5-10-0 3 50-3 SARMATIAN 10 (C.F.S.) M Harmond 6-9-12 N Horrocks (7) 10 6.50 Another Nightmare, 7.20 Inchalong, 7.50 Leading Princess, 8.20 Leif The Lucky, 8.50 Monaco 2 0112 BEST OF ALL 11 (B.F.G.S.) J Berry 5-10-0 3 50-3 SARMATIAN 10 (C.F.S.) M Hammond 6-9-12 4 0121 CANADRAN FANTASY 10 (CD.S.) M Johnson (

11 1034 GOLD DESIRE 14 (D.F.G.S) M Britain 7-8-4 Date Gibson 6
11 4045 NOBBY BARNES 4 (D.F.G.S) M Britain 7-8-4 J Carroll 5
12 4045 NOBBY BARNES 4 (D.F.G) Ennou Incide 8-7-10 Km Tinidar 2
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The Times Crossword Championship 1997 will now take place at the first Mind Sports Olympiad, at the Royal Festival Hall, London, on Sunday August 24 between 3pm and 6.30pm.

This year's championship will be in a new format. It will be launched with a qualifying puzzle which will be published in The Times next Thursday, July 17. Readers who solve this qualifier will then be invited to the Royal Festival Hall to compete in

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Delighted Jones is back in full swing

By a Correspondent

an eagle three at the 505-yard

3rd on his way to the upper

echelons of the leaderboard.

His only problem came at

the 415-yard 15th, where his

tee-shot kicked right into

sand. A bogey five was the

He might have been expan-

sive about his swing prob-lems, but Jones remained coy

about his present reading

material, especially since ear-

lier he had spoken of how a

book about Ben Hogan had

inspired him before he won the US Open. "I am reading a book just now, but you'll have

to wait until I win something

until I tell you what it is," he

Greg Norman moved into

the wing mirrors of the leaders

with five birdies and two bogeys in his 68. That made

him six under par for the tournament, alongside Ste-

phen Field, of Barnsley, who

One reason Norman is play-

ing the week before an Open

for the first time in recent

memory is Loch Lomond's

close proximity to Troon, en-

abling him to stay in the same

Comments about slow play

made by Colin Montgomerie

on Wednesday prompted Mike Stewart, the tournament

director, to visit the media

centre yesterday to explain the

European Tour's position. Al-

though his visit was arranged

for 10,30am, Stewart eventual-

ly arrived at 11.15am, prompt-

ing ironic calls from him to be

fined for missing his tee-time.

Stewart said that the guide-

lines for pace of play were laid

down by the Tour Committee.

of which Montgomerie is a

member, and that tournament

officials were merely carrying

Severiano Ballestros was a

predictable early departure

from the tournament after a

second successive round of 79

gave him a ló-over-par aggre-

gate score of 158. Also

departing early was Paul Affleck, of Wales, who dis-

qualified himself for teeing

off on the last hole after play

had been suspended. Affleck

was four over par and

heading out of the tourna-

out those regulations

down by the players.

house for two weeks.

also had a 68.

IT SEEMED entirely appropriate in the second round of the Gulfstream Loch Lomond World Invitational yesterday that a player who views himself as a "streaky" golfer should move into contention just as bands of lightning across foreboding

Steve Jones, who won the US Open at Oakland Hills last year, found the sanctuary of the locker-room before the delay in play that lasted nearly three hours. A round of 65 gave him a total of 134 - eight under par — and the lead in the clubhouse.

Still on the course, in name if not in person, was Tom Lehman, the Open champion. He was ahead on the leaderboard at ten under par when play was suspended and a buggy took him splashing away from the 12th tee.

Joakim Haeggman, of Sweden, one of the joint firstround leaders, was nine under

par with four holes left to play. while Paul Curry, of England. the other first-round leader, was tied with Jones at eightunder-par with two holes to complete.

For Jones, the upturn in form was as surprising as it was welcome. His game had taken a downward turn since his victory by II shots at the Phoenix Open in January. A problem with his swing led to him missing cuts at several tournaments, including three consecutively at the Players' Championship, the Masters and the MCI Heritage Classic.

A chance remark from a coach on the US Tour provided the answer and since his Open at the Congressional Club three weeks ago. Jones has felt comfortable on the course again.

"It was just a small adjustment, but sometimes that's all it takes," he said. "I had been finding it was affecting my whole game, right down to my putting, as my eye-line, my shoulder turn, everything, had gone just out of synch."

Jones had five birdies and

Ferrari's destiny in the safest of hands

ROB HUGHES



one time in any sport or any company, only one person who knows that he or she is best. Around Silverstone this week, Michael Schumacher gives off that essence; it is there in the way that he walks, in the manner in which he talks, in the absolute glow of a competitive man who, no matter where you come across him or who is with him at the time, stands apart.

I asked Schumacher an unfair question yesterday: What gives him the most satisfaction, being the outstanding German sportsman of his time or being the driver who is restoring the lapsed fortunes of the scarlet Ferrari?

"I never considered the first part of your question," he said, and for an instant the grey-blue eyes looked uncertain. "I couldn't say where I stand on the question of German sportsmen, there are so many different disciplines and imponderables."

Persevering, I put it to him that, with Boris Becker retiring, with Steffi Graf ailing. with no German footballer remotely as famous as Franz Beckenbauer, the responsibility, the focus, the attention of Germans was bound to be on him. Indeed, moments earlier, he had walked into a posse of German media and had patiently, with some humour and some typically forthright Schumacher principles, served them all.

"The second question is more important," he continued, "Winning, and getting the championship back for Ferrari, is my personal ambi-tion. That is it!" He implies that the Ferrari

mission — becoming the first world champion driver in that seat since Jody Scheckter, In 1979 — is paramount, sharing a priority in his life with his baby daughter, Gina Maria. As well as the media pursuing Schumacher, there are 23 drivers; and how instructive it was in the paddock at Silverstone yesterday to see him in the company of Damon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve. Hill, though the lustre is almost faded out of sight, is



Schumacher, whatever he is engaged in, gives the reassuring air of a man totally in charge of his future

the world champion, a man unlikely to figure in Schumacher's rear view mirror on Sunday, Villeneuve began the season as the heir apparent, the inheritor from Hill of the supposed fastest car on the prefacing his answers with references to "it depends what Michael does", Villeneuve had the look a reverent schoolboy - and Hill the haunted look of a man whose

time is already past. These are harsh judgments and they become honed - like the physique of the 5ft 10in. 11stone Schumacher - the more the three are seen to-

art (27).

drivers scarcely matter in the Schumacher's response to his gether. If, as we are bound to modern world, demonstratdo, we exclude the 21 grands ing that one man, one prix victories of Hill, it is a fact consumate driver, can make that Schumacher, with 25 wins from his 93 starts, the difference. eclipses the entire field for

Back at Maranello, Luca di Montezemolo, the president Sunday. He has almost dou-Ferrari and the man charged with the tradition and the mystique created 50 level with Jim Clark and Niki years ago by the late Enzo Lauda, this is a grand prix racer who is fifth in the Ferrari, sits, almost by remote control, worrying and hoping pantheon of the greats, behind Alain Prost (51 wins), Ayrton Senna (41), Nigel that this is the year that his El million per race gamble — the fee that he pays Schumacher Mansell (31) and Jackie Stew-

is nearing fruition. "I need a huge driver." Montezemolo said two summers ago when he waited for

ATHLETICS: TRIALS OFFER CHANCE FOR SPRINTERS TO PUSH SPEED TO THE LIMIT IN ATHENS

overtures. "I need his intelligence, I need him to push and improve the team, I need someone who will try to win not only one race, but the next and the next until we have

restored the myth of Ferrari. I feel history. photograph of Mr Ferrari. and I try every day to make the improvements ... but, to be the best, you have to have the best driver."

Schumacher is not alone. The dramatic improvement, particularly the speed and reliability that Ferrari have found this season, has many components. Behind the driv-

er, there is Jean Todt, the Napoleonic French figure, the orchestrator biting on his fingernails as he pulls together the tearn. Recently, Ross Brawn, Schumacher's technical director when he twice won the Formula One title with Benetton, has also defected to Ferrari.

Insiders give Brawn, an Englishman, enormous credit for soothing the emotions in the Ferrari kitchen, for organising the disparate parts into a focused atmosphere. Even so, the driver - thank

heavens, in this computer age - is his own man, and the very core of the renaissance.

It is intriguing, this solid
German cross within the
Ferrar marquee. Schumachers father uses a builder her's father was a builder. "He put stones on one another." Michael engagingly put it. Like father, like son. From day one, the engineers in Formula One have been driven along by his meticulous curiosity, his determination to master every little thing on which his life, and their success, might depend. Even yesterday, this trait

> To be the best, you have to have the best driver'

was apparent. Most of the drivers have been satisfied with the improvements to the new Silverstone, with the safety, the cornering, and the racing line. Schumacher said that he finds the alterations "interesting". He described Silverstone as

a very demanding circuit, with high speed cornering that challenges all drivers, but he made it his business to inform the FIA, the sport's world governing body, that, in his opinion, further protec-tion barriers should be put behind Copse Corner. The ultimate safety, you are not going to reach, "he said, "but. at this corner, we need more".

Then, proving that old en-mittee are fleeting on the track, that respect has been restored between him and Hill. Schumacher excused himself and spent ten animatconversation with Hill

The gist of it was that Schumacher, who works out every nuance and every ounce of weight on the throttle, was asking Hill the way into Copse. Hill suggested that maybe Schumacher is going into the corner too fast. By Sunday, rest assured that it

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wolves hungry for players

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WARRINGTON Wolves, who are too close to the Super League relegation zone for comfort, have failed in their attempt to bolster their squad luring Allan Bateman. their former centre and a recent rugby union British Lion, back for two months. Warrington face Leeds Rhinos, the second-placed club, at Wilderspool tonight, before flying to Australia for the second round of marches in the Super League Visa world club championship.

Warrington have had more than their share of injury problems this season, which prompted an inquiry to Richmond. Bateman's rugby union club, about the possibility of him helping them out, but the request was denied and Darryl van de Velde, the Warrington coach, has been forced to try elsewhere in the Super League to recruit players for the trip to Australia. Paul Hulme and Jon Roper

are the latest additions to the Warrington injury list. Hulme

needs a knee operation, which will probably keep him out for the rest of the season; Roper is suffering from an ankle injury. To add to Warrington's woes, neither Gary Chambers nor Richie Eyres can go to Australia as their wives are

expecting babies. Paul Cullen. veteran forward, who needs knee reconstruction surgery, has retired.

The Warrington players that do make it to the field of play tonight will face lestyn Harris, their former teammate, at stand-off half. Harris will be making his first ap-pearance at Wilderspool since transferring to Leeds.

Van de Velde was about to take up the coaching job at Warrington when the deal was done and admits that he would have moved heaven and earth to try to keep Harris at the club if he had arrived earlier.

There are other vital encounters in the Super League this evening. Castleford Ti-gers, the bottom club, face Oldham Bears, who are one point above them, at Wheldon Road. The Bears will be without Vince Fawcett, their centre, who has had a recurrence of a harnstring injury. Salford Reds go to Odsal hoping to become the first side to beat Bradford Bulls in the league and will have Paul Forber back in their squad after a one-match ban.

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT ONE of Ian Mackie's career ambitions is to be the first

white sprinter to beat 10sec for 100 metres. That would be a big, big thing," Mackie said.
"It then goes down in Some things are black and

white in sprinting, but others are sometimes less clear, such as who is the world's fastest man? To this observer, there always seemed but one candidate last year - namely Donovan Bailey, the Olympic champion and world recordholder over 100 metres - but others laid out a claim for Michael Johnson

As Mackie goes to his blocks in Birmingham this evening, on the first day of the three-day British trials for the world championships in Athens next month, he knows that, by booking his ticket to Greece in the 100 metres, he will be volunteering for the first official competition to find the world's fastest human. The winner of the 100 metres ed that honour, but Johnson and his supporters challenged the traditional view during the Olympic Games in Atlanta, when the Texan obliterated the 200 metres world record. Bailey, irked at the suggestion that anybody but him was the world's fastest man, responded: "Let me put it this way. I

Schumacher, like Senna be-

fore him, is proving the

exception to the rule that

27 miles per hour." A 150-metres challenge race between Bailey and Johnson was staged by private entre-preneurs and, though it ended in farce with Johnson pulling up injured, interest in the subject of the world's fastest man persuaded the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to latch on to the theme. Yesterday, it announced that technology would be employed in Athens that would determine the peak speed of runners in the 100 metres.

am the only one who has run

Until now, top speed has been measured only over segments of ten metres. Within each ten metres, there would be peaks and troughs

that would be levelled out. Now, using laser technology. outright peak speed can given. Four lasers are to be inserted into boards behind the 100 metres start and in a diagonally opposite position

behind the back straight. The lasers will be aimed at the lower backs of the athletes to record velocity throughout the races. This will be done only in the 100 metres and the 4 x 100 metres, for men and



Black: virus

women, and will apply only to the athletes in the middle four lanes. The higher-seeded athletes are awarded the central

The 200 metres runners

The only races where you can say, without doubt, that this is where they are going to run the fastest time is the 100 metres and the relay." Nick-Davies, an IAAF spokesman, said. "It will not happen in the 200. In the 200, you reach top speed around the bend, then hold it, so it is impossible to be faster in the straight than in 100. When they had this 150metres challenge and people started to go on about who was the fastest man, that was an interesting query. There was a lot of media attention

on that." There is no assurance that the fastest athlete will be the gold medal-winner. A compet itor who records the highest top speed may not be able to sustain his or her top pace and may lose to a rival with

Mackie starts favourite to

Mackie beams in on world title pursuit progress tonight and win the final tomorrow. Linford Christie's absence, confirmed by his agent yesterday, is conclusive proof that he will not be racing in Athens. The have been omitted. Why? first day of the trials covers heats only, with the greatest interest coming in the men's

> The withdrawal of Roger Black was confirmed yesterday, which may present the selectors with a dilemma when they meet on Monday. Black, the Olympic silver medal-winner, has a virus and hopes that a place will be left open to give him time to recover However, the 400 metres is

Great Britain's most competi-tive event and, if three athletes run quickly in the final on Sunday, Black may be omit-ted. The first two are guaranteed selection and, on recent form, they would be Iwan Thomas and Mark Richardson. Jamie Baulch, who set a British indoor record last winter, would then have to run well inside 45 seconds to give the selectors safe grounds for dropping Black

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fest of hand,

Medvedev blocks Britain's route to comfort zone

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN KIEV

TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedski must crase their Wimbledon disappoinments when they represent Great Britain in the Davis Cup-tie against Ukraine, which starts here today. The outcome is in the balance, with Andrei Medvedev, ranked No 17 in the world, spearheading the home challenge on his favourite clay surface.

Henman, the British No 1, is first on court. He is opposed by Andrei Rybalko, little known outside Ukraine but sure to thrive on the noise of a partisan audience. Victory for Henman would place an add-ed burden on Medvedev, who faces Rusedski in the second-

match. Medvedev, in fact, holds the key to the tie, which is to be settled over the best of five rubbers. "If one of us beats him, we should win," Rusedski said. Victory is imperative if Britain; at present playing in group one of the Euro African zone, are to avoid a relegation play-off with Hungary later this year.

After his arduous recent exploits, Henman has been asked to play on each of the three days of the tie. He is to renew his doubles partnership with Neil Broad, with whom he won the silver medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta

last year. Torrential rain here Michael Stich and it niggles has restricted practice on the match court, but the surface has no terrors for Henman.

my stomach. I am really looking forward to playing this match, but Wimbledon is

Wimbledon. It was a great

opportunity and I wasted it." Rusedski, for his part, felt he

had learnt much from his

defeat by Cedric Pioline at the

same stage of the tournament.

"I had a good opportunity, but

I did not play the way I can," he said. Nevertheless, he has

delighted Lloyd in practice.

taking to clay as though he

had never played on grass this

Rusedski's attention to de-

tail is such that he is well

prepared for his match with Medvedev. Of Rybalko, who

remains a mystery to most, Rusedski said: "I know his

game well. He is almost a

carbon copy of Medvedev in that his backhand is better

than his forehand. But

Rybalko's second service is not

so good. It is extremely open to

Britain's record in Davis

Cup-ties played on clay is

particularly poor, a fact that Rusedski recognised when he

said: This is a true test of how

we are as a team. If we get by

this one, I think we will be in

the world group next year."

The opportunity to join the

elite slipped by when Britain, shorn of Henman and

71, 70; P Mitchell 69, 72; R Kurtson (Swe) 70, 71 148; H Clerk 72, 70; A Cofter 73, 89, 70; T 148; H Clerk 72, 70; A Cofter 73, 89, 72; T 148; S Grappasonn (fi) 70, 73; D Rubertson 71, 72; P Harmigton 71, 72; D Noshrood 70, 73; P Harmigton 71, 72; L Westwood 70, 73; P Harmigton 71, 72; L Westwood 70, 73; P Harmigton 71, 72; L Westwood 70, 71; P Harmigton 71, 72; L McRey 72, 71, MRO 73; P Harmigton 73, 70; R Bosalf 71, 72; 144; R Chapman 70, 74; R Drummond 73, 71; C Turner (M2) 73, 72; P Lamite 71, 74; K Tornost (Japan) 73, 72; T Harron (JIS) 75, 70

SUMMET.

"It is not like European clay. more like shale." Henman said. "I don't see any difficulty moving on it. Playing on clay is very different to Wimbledon. It is going to be demand-ing, but there is definitely a buzz when you play in the Davis Cup. I am looking forward to it.

The British team, under the

SCHEDULE

captaincy of David Lloyd, arrived here after three days of clay-court practice in Frankfurt. Although Henman-and Rusedski are not short of match practice, both men, in reflecting their ambitions, remain disappointed at being knocked out of Wimbledon in

the quarter-finals. It was a good Wimbledon last year, but this time the disappointment hit home harder," Henman said. "I didn't do myself justice against





Vasseur raises his arms in triumph after crossing the line alone for his stage victory

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Vasseur's solo effort warms French hearts

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN LA CHÂTRE

CEDRIC VASSEUR, whose father, Alain, won a Tour de France stage 27 years ago. quickened French hearts yesterday with an epic solo ride to take the yellow jersey of the race leader in the lush Poitou landscape immortalised by George Sand, the romantic

The 27-year-old rider from Dunkirk, a GAN team-mate of Chris Boardman, rode ahead of the Tour field for almost 150 kilometres before peddling exhaustedly to a famous victory in front of an ecstatic crowd in La Chatre.

His lead, which at one point stretched to almost 18 minutes, was siili substantial enough as Vasseur wearily crossed the finish line for the Frenchman to deprive Mario Cipollini, the Italian sprinter, of the Tour's maillos jaune.

"I feel like I'm dreaming," Vasseur said joyfully, shortly before telephoning his father. "I was thinking of my dad when I crossed the line. The team has not had much luck on this Tour, but I took my chance today and made the most of it."

On another hot and sultry day, the 192-man field rolled away from Chantonnay in the Vendee region without Alex Zülle, second in 1995, who withdrew from the race yesterday morning. Zülle, 29. broke his collarbone ten days before the Tour began and had been hoping to recover his form on the long, flat trek to the Pryences. However, three falls in the opening five days shattered his fragile morale and he finally succumbed.

Cipollini, the race leader at the start of the stage, was expecting his most likely challenge to come from Erik Zabel. of Germany, who started the day second overall, just 4sec behind him. Instead, Vasseur took advantage of their rivalry to slip clear after 114 kilometres on the straight, wide roads near Poitiers, Initially, it looked to be another

ill-fated breakaway, but it

became a committed bid for the first French success of this year's Tour. With the Telekom team of Zabel and Bjarne Riis, the

defending champion, refusing to chase, in spite of Zabel's proximity to the race leadership, and Cipollini's Saem squad also disinterested in defending their team leader's yellow jersey, Vasseur sudden-ly found himself the centre of French hopes.

Telekom's reluctance to pur sue the Frenchman was a big disappointment for Zabel, in particular, who had been optimistic yesterday morning of taking over the leadership from Cipollini before the race reaches the first mountain passes next week.

Even so, the tactics of Vasseur, included in the French team as a mountainclimbing assistant to Boardman, seemed questionable. With the Britan so well algoed heading to the Pyrenees. Vasseur looked likely to pay the price for his efforts when the race reaches the mountains.

man. "We've had riders in almost every breakaway." he said. "Cedric had the legs for his move today and was able to capitalise on it. "You only team support in

Not so, according to Board-

the mountains if you're in contention to win and I won't be. If you've got the legs in the mountains, you can follow the best riders to get good Such concerns were forgot

ten as, with 50 kilometres still to race, the realisation dawned among partisan spectators that they were about to enjoy a rare stage victory, with the added bonus of a Frenchman claiming the race leadership.

Even though a chasing group of ten riders took on a belated pursuit. Vasseur gri maced his way up the last few rises into La Châtre to become the first Frenchman to wear vellow in the 1997 Tour.

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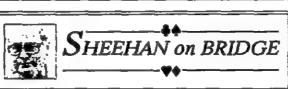
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By Robert Sheehan, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

In the Refresher last week, I explained the standard method for the opening bidder to describe a balanced hand. You may remember 1 NT openings or rebids have a two-point range. showing hands with 12-14 and 15-17 points. But a rebid of 2 NT after a response at the one level shows 18-19, a one-point range. That is a good feature — after I NT, responder can raise to 2 NT to find out whether opener is at the top or bottom of the range. After a 2 NT rebid, there is no room to investigate, and so you need a narrower range.

I marginally prefer a 1 NT opening to be weak (12-14). But if you like a strong No-Trump, do play 15-17. Playing to-18 has the flaw that a INT rebid has too wide a range (12-15). Some tournament players use a 14-16 l NT; then they can open all balanced 11-counts, a ploy of dubious merit in even the most expert hands. Anyone who feels they need to read the Refreshers should be passing on balanced lls. The principal downside of the 14-lb range is that they have to rebid 2 NT on 17-19. That is too wide a range, and in any case you don't want to be so high with 17

What about a rebid of 3 NT after a one-level response? That sequence is not required for any balanced hand (20-point hands being opened 2 NT), so the best use of it is to describe a hand with a long running suit and a smattering of stoppers. For example,

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you open One Club and rebid 3 NT over a response of One

Rebids after a response at the two level have to take into account the opening No-Trump range. It's easy enough if you play a weak No-Trump:

The 2 NT bid shows a hand better than a 1 NT opening, so it has at least 15 points. In modern Acol a response at the two level shows at least 9 points, and so with this understanding, it is reasonable to play the 2 NT rebid as game-forcing. That means the opener doesn't have to jump to 3 NT on say 16, and it leaves

further room for investigation.

When the opening 1 NT is strong, there are two schools of thought about the above sequence. Continental players, and some self-styled Acol players, use the 2 NT rebid to show a weak hand, 12-14 points. Clearly with that treatment 2 NT cannot be played as forcing. But traditional Acol players, even when playing a strong No-Trump, require at least 15 points for the 2 NT rebid. All I can say is that it is a grey area; which is one of the reasons why I recommend playing a weak No-Trump - it avoids this problem.

I'm quite happy to answer correspondence, but don't write to me about cute methods that avoid opening I NT on hands which have the right strength but are not absolutely perfect in structure - undoubtedly the method will produce major problems in other sequences. "My way or the highway", as Dave Marr, the American golf commentator and coach, says.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

NEENE ON CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kramnik leads

After five rounds Vladimir Kramnik, the Russian grandmaster, retains the lead in the Dortmund tournament with 4/5. Nigel Short has 21/2.

White: Vladimir Kramnik Black: Artur Yusupov Dormund, July 1997

Queen's Gambit Declined

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Oc2

9 a3

10 Rd1

16 Bd6

17 Rxd6

18 Be2

19 Rd3

23 e4

31 erd5

35 Rd4

37 Kh2

40 Rc3

41 Rc8

42 Oxt17

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Q16

Rd7

Rxd6

Rc5

Kg7

Qb5

Qxb2

Pxt3

Qe5+

Go championship The British Championship in the oriental game of go will be contested in a match between Manhew MacFadyen and Charles Matthews. The first game will be played at the Daiwa Foundation, 13-14 Cornwall Terrace, London NWI tomorrow, while the second game will be on Sunday at Freud's Cale, Wal-

information about the match and about the game of go: http://britgo.demon.co.uk /w/match97.html

ton Street, Oxford. For further

information ring 01273 297115. There is a website with more

Schools

championship Here are the detailed semifinal results of the match from The Times British Schools Chess Championship which qualified Oakham School for the final.

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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

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c. Psychological stalemate

b. A queen cobra c. A wood slove LIGAND a. Atoms b. A creeper

a. A bare beggar

c. Graffito libel Answers on page 50

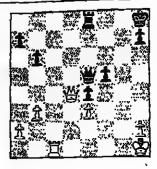
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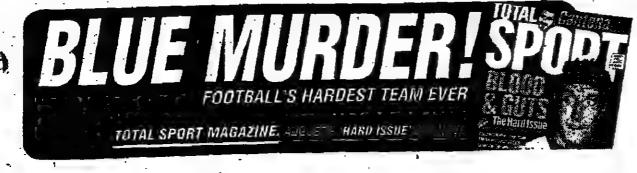
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Dunkelblum — Canal, Venice 1953. What is the most efficient way to exploit the pin against the black queen?

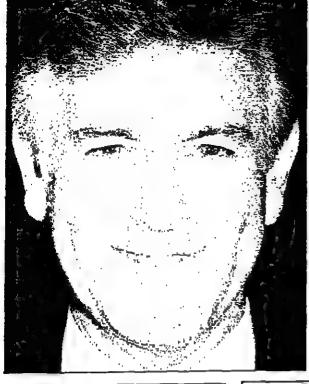
Solution on page 50





Tonight, a two-year battle for the control of English rugby union reaches a climax at the RFU agm in a

Two candidates in quest for peace, progress and unity





CLIFF BRITTLE

Chairman, the RFU executive committee: A successful and wealthy businessman living in the Isle of Man, Brittle, 55, played as a back for Stoke, Sale and Staffordshire. He later coached his county and chaired the Midland Division in the mid-1980s. He has represented Staffordshire on the union committee since 1989, was elected chairman of the executive by a substantial majority in January 1996 and has been proposed for re-election tonight by Orrell



BOB ROGERS

RFU candidate for chairman: A Wor scrum half for Worthing and Sussex, he chaired various sub-committees and was involved in early negotiations with England squad players over commercial returns. Rogers won praise for his confident handling of the union's second egm 16 months ago and also negotiated constitu-

he overwhelming sup-port won by Cliff Brittle when he was elected chairman of the existing Rugby Football Union executive committee might have sug-Though, self-evidently, it has not. Brittle retains a positive view — indeed, a vision — of a progressive England taking a deserved place among the councillors of the world game:

Whoever the chairman is, he must have a vision of where the game will be in 20 years' time. He must sort out not only the internal structures but he must see the RFU role in the international game and how it can help bring on other nations in the world." He perceives elitism as car-

rying with it responsibilities but believes that, in the past 18 months since his election. much of the domestic structure has been established.

"We have a new, streamlined structure. 95 per cent of which has been accepted by the committee, but it's only a beginning, the first rung in a very tall ladder. With the structures we are creating, we have to make sure we have people in place with the necessary skills of the highest order to make the structures work."

It is a view he reiterates regarding the television contract, over which he is "neutral". While cautious about the knock-on effects both for potennal sponsors and the wider appeal for youngsters. Brittle agrees that "we have a contract, it is signed, we must make it work. I have nothing against Sky at all - my argument has always been the way the deal was negonated."

Brittle says that the protracted negotiations with the senior clubs had to be endured: They were always going to be difficult. The clubs have suffered decades of frustration

FRAN COTTON: Riding the

crest of a wave as manager of

the successful recent British

Isles tour to South Africa.

Cotton propped the England

scrum 31 times between 1971

and 1981. He toured as a

player with the Lions in 1974, 1977 and 1980. The managing

director of the Cotton Traders

leisurewear group and, in

recent months, an outstoken

critic of the RFU hierarchy

over their "disdainful" treat-

THE BRITTLE CAMP

cluded from a place at the where decisions were which retained unity and governance of the RFU.

have to sort out a proper transfer system as well as the problems of non-English-qualified players which will continue to be detrimental to the development of English players. Too little money goes into the development of the game, too much goes out to the advantage of players."

with the RFU: "I never thought the clubs would break away, they would have had more to lose had they done so."
The degree of independence enjoyed by the ERP is fair and the clubs have worked hard to improve playing standards.

They should be congratu-

more exciting for spectators. It augurs well for the future but

ionship will be better for it." At the same time, Brittle sees the RFU as having be-

control increased, but we final-

"Over-playing of players has got out of hand and we

Brittle believes that the English Rugby Partnership is enhanced by its association

lated on their success. It's a better television product and there is no way the game, or the clubs, should relax. The success of the Lions in South Africa and the way they played will draw more from the clubs and the five nations' champ-

come remote from the game at large: "We don't want to start putting extra layers in but the game should feel closer to the decision-making process. We have to find the interface between paid and unpaid administrators, without whom the game cannot function. We better communication and we need greater accountability."

BILL BEAUMONT: Best-

known England player before

Will Carling, partly through appearances on the BBC's A

Question of Sport. Played 34

times at lock for England, 21

as captain, between 1975 and

1982 and toured with the Lions

in 1977 and 1980. Managing

director of family business, he

was fast-tracked onto the RFU

committee last year to repre-

sent the national clubs and is

due to become chairman of the

national playing committee.

much of the discord the game ers puts himself before the annual meeting as a unity candidate capable of welding a restructured union into a cohesive force.

"I want to see a return to teamwork, both in the committee rooms and in the offices at Twickenham," Rogers said. "The bitterness and divisiveness must end and we must come together in unity. We must give the new management structure a chance. It does not come into being until Friday [today] and I am

optimistic of its success." Rogers does not gloss over the problems the game faces but he does emphasise the progress made since the Paris declaration of August 1995 changed rugby's fundamental regulations on amateurism.

"Rugby union is a world game and we cannot afford an isolationist view. Equally we must promote and provide for all the levels of our game. Money and support must be made available to all clubs from the grass roots upwards so that rugby union is seen by our young people as the most exciting of sports."

Rogers appreciates that the success of a sport has a direct correlation to the success of the national team but that the leading clubs have now beshowcases for the game. But he is happy that, in establish-ing the English Rugby Part-nership (ERP) — the joint venture between the RFU and the 24 clubs in the new Premiership --- a balance has been struck between primary

distribution of it other resources. The RFU council and the management board, working alongside and with the board of the ERP, will allow for good communications and therefore enhance the opportunity to work

together for the overall good." Rogers is content that the television agreement negotiated by the RFU will produce E65 million for the game outside the country's top 24 clubs and that the combin tion of satellite (BSkyB) and terrestrial (ITV) coverage will reach greater numbers of armchair viewers than before: This deal, with increased international matches at Twickenham and one at Old Trafford, and a renewed interest and financial commitment from sponsors, has ensured that we have the money and the ability to increase investment and support at all

Rogers is keen to see further research into the short and long-term effects of the first full season of open rugby, and queries the growth in overseas players, the over-payment of players and the potential decline of adult teams through the competitive structure. But he believes that if he is unsuccessful, the divisions within the game could be

"I fear that if Cliff Brittle is re-elected, the existing prob-lems and divisions will continue and the RFU image will continue to decline." Rogers said. The top clubs will become increasingly dissatisfied and will drift away from

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TONY HALLETT (RFU secretary): Twickenham's leading paid official since 1995, when he succeeded Dudley Wood. Hallett, 51, played for the Royal Navy and Richmond. later becoming the club's chairman. A supply officer with the Navy, whom he represented on the RFU com-minee, he chaired the RFU ground committee which piloted through, on time and within budget, the Twicken-

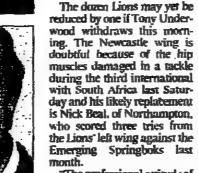
ham rebuilding programme.



COLIN HERRIDGE (RFU treasurer): A long-time member of Hariequins and the club Herridge has also been closely involved with Streatham! Croydon, and with Surrey as the county chairman of selectors and subsequently president. He was media liaison officer for the England squad for four years, and advised on marketing for the club and

union. Herridge took over as

the RFU treasurer last year.



in motivation when they play Australia in Sydney tomor-row, though fatigue may let

them down. The 12 players

who were with the British Isles

in South Africa arrived after a

defeat in Johannesburg, the remaining three were among

the England XV that lost to

turn those losing positions

The professional attitude of the players who were with the Lions and those who were in Argentina is very evident," Phil de Glanville, the England captain, said yesterday. People are very disciplined about their approach to rugby and getting themselves into the right mental state." De Glanville has spoken to Don Rutherford, the Rughy Football Union's director of

rugby, about the demands

being made on players. "We

realise, as players, that inter-

national rugby is where the

Argentina, and they want to Jet lag affected some players badly in training yesterday and several Lions will admit privately that the physical battering that they have taken

on tour is having its predictable effect. Therefore, this England combination will go into tomorrow's match with little more than three hours' meaningful preparation, against an Australia side (in which Daniel Manu will be replaced by David Wilson in the back row) on the rebound from defeat in New Zealand

and a critical blasting.

Fitting games in with Australia's schedule is not easy but, in the future, I hope the RFU will do everything possible to make sure they are as successful as they can be," de Glanville added. "The buildup to games should be as favourable as we can make it.

and that is not the case here." The union is discussing next summer's tour to the southern hemisphere, which could embrace internationals against the United States, New Zea-

the health of a tiring national team

land (twice). Australia and South Africa, a schedule which is contrary to logistics chance to be successful, whoas well as player-fatigue. Rutherford himself has ever we are playing," de been in New Zealand, talking to leading coaches such as Graham Henry and his prede-

cessor as coach to Auckland, the English-born Maurice Trapp, with a view to strengthening the RFU's coaching team. It is, however, a sensitive time in that Jack Rowell's future as the England coach has yet to be decided, and will depend upon the recommendations of the reconstituted RFU national playing In response to speculation

about Rowell's position. Derek Morgan, the present chairman of the national playing committee, said yesterday: "No one has been asked or authorised to make approaches to any other coach. No formal discussions or decisions will be taken about the coaching position until after the players and team manage-ment return from Australia." Rutherford said: "We have

several representative teams and are looking at ways in which we can consolidate the present state of affairs." Even when players voice justifiable

MILEPOOL

fears of over-exploitation. "At international level, we sometimes underestimate their quality, not just as players, but their ideas and their thinking," Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, said earlier

this week.
"It's not up to us to administer the game," de Glanville added, "but I hope communications between the union and its players will improve and remain good. I hope there will be a two-way process at international level."

Lawrence Dallaglio, captain of Wasps again next season and an increasingly-influen-tial voice with England and the Lions, suggested that leading players would be well-advised to consider delaying their start to the new season. Club administrators have a responsibility to ensure their sides win but there's also an issue of man-management, Dallaglio said.

I'm sure they realise they should look after their international players. That means resting them, in order to bring the best out of them. The majority of players on tour won't report back until the middle of August and they should ease themselves back in to ensure that, for importent matches midway through



Stretched to breaking point? Dallaglio and other England players training in Sydney are playing year-round rugby

Pressure mounts on players as England take it to the limit David Hands, in Sydney, fears for ENGLAND will lack nothing

money is to be made for the union, but they should try and give us the best possible London hotel. The Times looks at the issues, the clubs and the personalities involved in a bitter conflict

So, how did things ever come to this?

David Hands looks at the background

and complex causes of tonight's events

THERE have been times during the past two years when a surreal ism has entered English rugby provincial England where mementirely out of character with the game. The sport's wheelers and dealers have met in furtive corners. making and breaking alliances, leaking information for the advancement of their cause, recreating the Cold War in a way reminiscent of the best John le Carré novel.

The media entered into the chase with enthusiasm until most of them realised that little was being accomplished and that, in fact, the game itself — the game, that is, as played upon acres of grass rather than in corridors of power - was getting along pretty well. The media, indeed, became almost as confused as the rugby-loving pub-lic as tales of malice and spite. confrontation and eyeballing argument became common currency.

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splendours of the Paris hotel where members of the International Rugby Football Board agreed in August 1995 to change forever the

bers of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) earlier this year sought to discover the concerns that motivat-

ed the smallest of its members, For the vast majority, those concerns remain: Can the union help with advice on insurance? What about the influx of minirugby players and the need for ent? Any chance of a rates rebate? Merely because the high and mighty have declared that what was once so is now no longer,

the game below goes on. Yet, the fact remained that England were ill-prepared for the decision taken in Paris to scrap the amateur regulations. Unlike their southern counterparts, the preparations, philosophical and practical, were not in place and, because England is by far the biggest of the home unions, her problems were always going to be emphasised,

First there was a moratorium. then a commission. There was a commission anyway, that under



Twickenham, the home of English rugby union and scene of much intrigue and bitter wrangling

the auspices of Bill Bishop, the 1995-96 RFU president and a man who has given much of his life to rugby for the pure love of the game. Anyone with an ounce of feeling would have recognised, and sympathised with, the agonies through which Bishop went at the first of the RFU's extraordinary general

meetings of January 1996.

"Tell me what you want." he implored an increasingly hostile meeting for which the RFU had prepared poorly. It cost them their candidate for the post of executive committee chairman and lost them a huge amount of respect. In many ways, they have been making up lost ground ever since.

Meanwhile, we have been plagued with such meetings, with reports most of which bear Sir Patrick Lowry's name, acronymious — as well as acrimo-nious — gatherings and the rise and rise of powerful and wealthy

who know what they seek from a business deal, The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) invaded the

individuals whose knowledge of

the game is sometimes limited but

nation's conscious (soon to be unconscious) thoughts and the names of Sir John Hall, Donald Kerr, Peter Wheeler, Cliff Brittle and Tony Hallett became de rigueur, to be dropped from the lips

of anyone who knew anything of

the state of English rugby.

Hall and Kerr wrangled with Brittle, administrators walked into meetings or walked out of them, midnight oil was burned in gallons, agreements were on and then off. England were out of the five nations", then they were back in and whose was the credit anyway? Publicity companies and lawyers

entered the fight.
After all the back-biting, the dirty tricks, the spin doctors, shall we have peace in our time today? All one can say is that, if someone enters the London Hilton this evening wearing a homburg and waving a piece of paper, watch out.

good for the game.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING some club representatives are unable to attend in person. The result is supposed to be kept secret until the end of the evening - when that will be is anybody's guess - after all

The points at issue

TELEVISION

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The bone of contention has been the television deal struck with BskyB which detractors say was a dash for cash entered into in undue haste to offset the possibility of a breakaway by senior clubs. One key issue was whether pay-per-view was part of the original heads of agreement signed last year. Was last year's meeting misled?

The RFU says not, as it always had the power of veto, over its introduction, but that pay-perview wasn't an issue and is not part of the long-form contract signed this week. The RFU maintains pay-per-view is excluded unless it agrees and one source said: "We aren't going to agree." Critics say it was only the pressure exerted by the Reform Group and others that highlighted a possibility of a sellout and

forced the RFL' to back down. While holding nothing against Sky, opponents say the television deal was struck without proper consultation and that a cover-up has ensued. The RFU insists the Sky money could not have been bettered and the announcement of ITV as a terrestial partner is

FIVE NATIONS

The RFU's decision to sell television rights to five nations' championship matches at Twickenham to BSkyB last year led to their temporary expulsion by the Celtic countries, outraged that those "crown jewels" were not England's to sell.

The question remains about the timing of the expulsion and whether the RFU held back that information from last year's agm and whether it would have affected matters then. Brittle supporters say it was only his efforts which saved the five nations as per the accord of September 1996. The RFU insists the five nations is "set in stone" and that, while some may want participation in an expanded Tri-Nations tournament, it is a

non-starter. The Reform Group insists that the needs of Scotland, Ireland and Wales should not be sacrificed for England's well-being and the possibility of World Cup

Television money provides the bulk of the income to the RFU. which is heavily committed financially, and made a revenue loss last year of £6.2 million. Three leading sponsors (Pilkington, Courage and Save & Prosper) have or are in the process of pulling out of rugby. The RFU says that a host of

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lined up to replace them. Opponents say it is because the companies did not get the requisite exposure on satellite television. The ITV deal should help to anract new sponsors such as Allied Dunbar who have replaced Courage - with internationals shown early on a

blue chip" companies are being

Saturday evening. Senior clubs share about \$10 million a year: £4.5 million from the Sky contract, £4 million from Allied Dunbar and other sponsors, and a El.5 million grant from Twickenham, According to their detractors, the top clubs wanted even more, at the expense of their smaller brethren.

Next season clubs below the Premiership will each receive amounts ranging from £90,000 to £800. Junior clubs are grateful that a transfer fee/compensaton scheme, however modest, has been agreed on a sliding scale.

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"one club, one vote" still realistic? However, all agree that cannot and will not change. The RFU would like the committee to pick the chairman of the management board and not rely on the full membership.

"It is an absurd situation. We are the only country in world rugby that does it this way," 2 Twickenham source said. "It is a throwback to a bygone era."

The reform group says that one club, one vote has been the clubs' only protection in the last two years. It insists that it is grass-roots clubs that produce and develop players. The RFU supports a strong club base but accepts there is a place for county/representative rugby. though without top players. Brittle sees strong divisional rugby as a vital bridge between dub and international level.

We have not really thought that far ahead. We do not think it will go

against him. We are just disappointed that the democratic view of all the clubs has been ignored. Brittle was voted into office for three

years and he should have been able to see out that term. We do not think there should have been this vote.

THE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

THE Rugby Football Union will be run next season on a daily basis by a management board. This replaces the former executive committee; which Cliff Brittle, the incumbent chairman, has described as a cabal. It comprises 12 members, some professional, some unpaid. They include the RFU president, the senior vicepresident, the director of rugby and the chief executive (formerly the secretary). Also on the board are a director of finance, director of support services, representa-

Comwall and Devon

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nership and the International Rugby Football Board, and three members of the RFU council.

This council replaces the full committee, the "old farts" to whom Will Carling notoriously referred. The council has overall -responsibility for RFU affairs and plus five full-time professional appointees, who also sit on the management board. Most of the elected members come from the constituent bodies (the counties. schools, universities, armed tives of the English Rugby Part- forces, etc). Others include past

No. We cannot make it

commitments. We will be

voting by proxy through

on the RFU committee.

because of work

We have given the Devon representative a

mandate to vote on our behalf and believe he

will represent our views. We classify ourselves

as a junior club and we have not gone through

it piece by piece. We have met informally and

our team manager came to the committee on the players behalf. They had one main

concern, namely which chairman we would be

voting for. They wanted Cliff Brittle, so we are

united and perfectly happy.

Cliff Brittle. The Devon-

representative will be

holding a lot of proxy

wies for him.

RFU presidents, leading club representatives and International Board members.

There are 1.571 full members of the RFU plus a further 502 clubs affiliated only to the constituent bodies. Some 132 university clubs and 133 services clubs can also vote tonight, although last year fewer than haif of those eligible to vote did so.

On January 14, 1996, 647 votes were cast for Cliff Brittle and 332 for John Jeavons-Fellows, then RFU candidate for the post now being contested by Bob Rogers.

THE annual general meeting of the Rugby Football Union will be held in the ballroom of the London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, tonight from 5pm.

The election of officers to the

union for the 1997-98 season takes place halfway through the ll-item agenda. Many of these posts are uncontested, with the obvious exception of the chairman of the management committee, the ballot for which will be scrutinised by the Electoral Reform Society. Many of the votes will be cast by proxy. since

items on the agenda have been debated. Whether this will be possible, and what the ramifications of an early leaked result would be, remains to be seen.

We have not been through it that much. To be perfectly honest, We have been

baffled by the huge amount of correspondence that has come through my letter box, both from Twickenham and around the country, it really is quite

Additional reporting and re-search by Nicolas Andrews, Mark Souster and Marcus

THE MAAD AT THE CAUNTOV

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		Q1 Will you be at the agint?	Q2 How was your club's policy formulated?	Q3 the will some	Q4 What are the key issues in the election?	Q5 What will you do if the other side wins?	
	是	7			THE WORTH		
7	WEST NARTLEPOOL Premiership Two		Yes. The board of management made the decision.	Bob Rogers.	We are concerned that Cliff Brittle has decided what level of democracy he feels is valid. He has lost every vote but still goes on about democracy. He is obstructive about the way forward with no clear vision for the future. He just wants power and justifies everything by saying that the clubs put him in. We have no time for him at all.	We have in place a number of agreements and obstacles would be put in the way of what we are trying to achieve if Brittle is put back in. He will obstruct where he can.	
	WHARFEDALE National League One	Yes	Yes. We had a committee meeting. The players have a representative and their voice was heard.	We will vote in the best interests of the club.	We are a bridging club between the grassroots of the game and the Premiership, and yet we see ourselves as a grassroots club and it is all about representation and accountability. Our geography has a lot to do with it. We see ourselves as a community facility.	We will have to go through the normal channels.	
	MEDICAL Durham and Northumberland	No, we shall not be going. London is a long way. We have put our proxy vote in.	Yes. We discussed it at committee level and listened to the players.	We voted for Cliff Brittle lest time and see no reason to change our mind.	The RFU has not managed the transition to professionalism very well and they have not listened to what clubs have said. There are probably faults on both sides and Cliff Brittle is not without blame. We are sure Bob Rogers is a nice fellow and competent man but we are going for Brittle.	Whichever way the vote goes, we would accept it. If Cliff Brittle wins again, We would hope the RFU sees that they have got to abide by a democratic vote. People just wish it was all over and we could get on with playing the game that we love.	
	Edition of the state	Service Comment			THE MIDIANDS		
	NORTHAMPTON Premiership One	Yes.	Yes, At a board meeting. The players were not involved.	Bob Rogers. We cannot imagine a professional club voting any other way.	We believe professional rugby is working very well, as is the ERP. We have seen the Lions do well in their first professional tour and any changes to that and the top end of the game and any management committee with Cliff Brittle in charge will only rock the boat.	We have gone through the confrontational era but fractiousness within the RFU will continue if we have a situation of the chairman (Brittle) having been voted for by the junior clubs. We cannot see any profit for the game in voting for Brittle. Senior clubs do not see divisional football as part of the agenda at all.	
	BIRMINGHAM/ SOLIHULL National League Two North	Yes.	Yes. At a committee meeting.	For the person the club feels will unify the game. We might not have chosen the right person but he is the one tot bring all this to an end.	We are looking to have better representation and also an end to the inhouse fighting.	We will abide by the decision. It has been a tricky decision for us to make. In some ways it could have been decided by flicking a coln. Whoever wins will not bother us unduly.	
	OLD NORTHAMPTONIANS Midlands East One	Either in person or by proxy.	Yes, We had a committee meeting on Tuesday night and the players representatives were there. There was some debate, but the final decision was unuminous.	For Cliff Brittle and The Reform Group.	We were concerned about the amount of material coming from both parties. They must have spent a fortune, and the material was fainty similar. They both purport to represent honesty, integrity and whatever. We found it difficult, on the basis of the material, to make a decision so it is based more on a gut feeling. The feeling was that the little clubs would get a better hearing from Cliff Brittle. For clubs at our tevel, the influence of the RFU is fairly remote. We seem to be fairly low on the list of priorities. At least Cliff Brittle has some supporters who are nationally known.		
		THE PERSON FROM		LONDO	AND THE SOUTHEAST		
	RICHMOND Premiership One	Yes	Yes, A decision was taken at a board of directors meeting. The players were not involved.	Bob Rogers. Brittle has his own agenda.	We feel there is peace in our time and that should continue as we have had enough of slinging mud at each other. Peace has been made between the RFU and the senior clubs. There is still unrest among the junior clubs but, if there is more money in the game, everybody will benefit. It is a bit like the Kerry Packer situation cricketiers now earn a decent living because of it. Junior clubs can only benefit from the additional money in the game. There is a tendency to criticise the governing body but everyone only stands to gain a lot. Brittle is a retrogade step because it is time for peace.	There is a real worry that there will be a split in the game. We would need to wait to see what Brittle has to say before deciding.	
	HENLEY National League Two South	Yes	Yes, it was the chairmans decision. The players were not terribly interested.	Bob Rogers.	The key issue is to keep the RFU together as a rugby union. Our fears are that, if Cliff Brittle gets re-elected, the divisions will go on and on and, in the end, the senior clubs could well be tempted to nessess their relationship with the RFU. There is a lot of sympathy for what Brittle has said but, as an Individual, he is so obdurate. He wants to controt everything. There is a legacy of bindingers, it is felt in Lancashire that he was badly treated by the RFU and it has not been forgotten. Fran Cotton has picked up his banner.	We would continue to work to shape and change things. There would be no use in walking away. We would try to get into the system to engineer change to stop this running sore.	
	THANET WANDERERS London Two South	No. We are sending in a proxy from Kent.	Yes. We went to the Kent AGM, where one representative spoke for Cliff Brittle and another for Bob Rogers, but everyone who stood up from the floor spoke for Cliff and he camed the day. Then we had an EGM at the club last Thursday and we discussed it. We are all happy with that. The players were there.	CINT SHIZE	We are not very happy with the situation at the moment. Listening to a lot of people, we think Cliff is there for the junior clubs like ourselves. We have also got a lot of time for people such as BIB Béaumont and Fran Cotton. If they chucked the lot out and put in Cliff, BIII and Fran, then we would see some sense.		
				THE SO	TH AND SOUTH WEST		
	GLOUCESTER Premiership One	Yes.	Yes, The clubs position was decided on at a committee meeting.	Bob Rogers.	We just want everyone to settle down and hope that peace and common sense prevail.	If it is a democratic process, we have to accept that. No doubt we would want to make our point of view known through the ERP. That is the only avenue we would have now.	
	PLYMOUTH ALBION National League Two South	Yes.	Yes. At committee meeting on Tuesday with the chairman.	Cliff Brittle.	We need to be better informed about what is going on. We are being treated fike mushrooms kept in the dark and being fed nibbles by the RFU. We are not satisfied with what is going on. Not all of us are happy with the distribution of money from SStyB. We feet it was a rush job and is no good in terms of the public being able to watch rugby on television.	We would have to discuss it as a committee and see what other committees were doing. We cannot see ourselves coping with what the RFU is dishing out in terms of funds for the South West.	
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ROWING

Four face final test as rivals gather

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE British coxless four of Steve Redgrave, Matthew Pinsent, Tim Foster and James Cracknell had a quiet Henley, where they won a final that was more an exhibition than an exercise. They face a more testing time this weekend in the World Cup finals, which start today here in Switzerland.

The four have a commanding World Cup lead of seven points in their class, having won in Munich and Paris, but, with the world championships approaching, competition is stiffening. Only seven coxless fours contested Paris, where Britain won by 0.77sec. from France. Fifteen crews are in Lu-cerne, including, for the first time this year, the Italians, with three members of their 1994 and 1995 world championship-win-

Britain's other World Cup leaders, the coxless pair of Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, who also won at Henley, have a less commanding position. They have just a one-point lead over Croatia and two points over France and Lithuania, who beat Brit-

ain by a whisker in Paris. The British eight are lying third behind Germany and Romania. Ominously, the Australians, who missed Munich but won in Paris and at Henley, are fourth. The good news is that Britain finished closer to Australia at Henley than Germany. Guin Batten, Britain's

woman sculler, who is lying sixth in the World Cup rankings, will want to prove that her premature easing up in the Henley final against Maria Bran-din, of Sweden, was an aberration.

Britain has 13 crews in the II World Cup events.

12 in non-World Cup events and is second in the overall rankings, behind Germany.

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Goosen eases to victory with plenty in reserve

GUY GOOSEN left his more experienced rivals trailing when he and Carat won the Royal International Chase, the opening event at the Royal International Horse Show, at Hickstead yesterday.

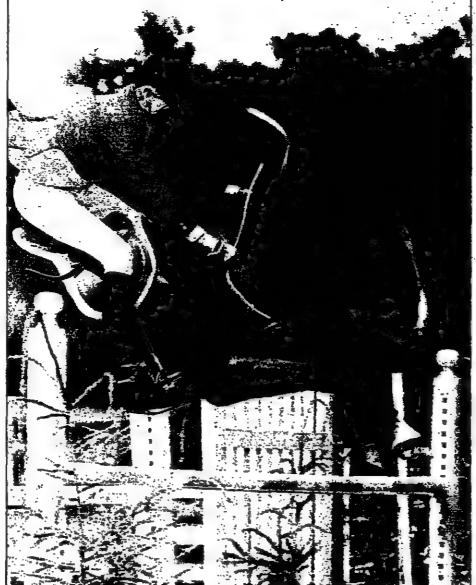
Carat. an II-year-old gelding on which Goosen. 23, won the King's Cup for Great Britain in Madrid at the end of May, completed the 12-fence course in 55.92sec to relegate Heinrich Herman Engemann, of Germany, on Edgar, to second place by 0.11sec. He's normally my thirdstring horse," Goosen said, "but he's been upgraded for this show.

Sagrat, his top horse, on which he came within a whisker of beating the world high jump record of 7st illin in Madrid — and collecting a kis second-string, was side-lined through injury for much of last year and is competing only in the smaller classes. Firingly, Carat, who Goo-

sen will ride in the King George V Gold Cup on Sunday, was bought four years ago from Paul Schockemobile. the German businessman partnership with Douglas Bunn, the owner of Hickstead, has secured the immediate future of the

Engemann's performance underlined the class of his mount, a Hannoverian bred in Sweden, who won the world championships for young horses in Lanaken last year. Now eight, the horse has moved effortlessly into grand prix competition. He was seventh in the Madrid grand prix in May and a week later collected only four faults over the two rounds of the Nations' Later, Peter Charles, of Ire-

land, the European champion. produced a blisteringly fast round on T'Aime to win The Royal International July Stakes by nearly 7sec. Michel Hecart. of France, who thought that he had produced a fast round on Elco, his Dutch-bred gelding, until he watched Charles, finished secwho had held the early lead on of Charlotte Champion, on Pinon Voici — as he had in the Metric.



Joe Fargis, on Padua, soars clear of on obstacle in the Royal International Chase

earlier class on Tip Toe dropped to third place. Between the international classes, Learina Riley, 11. gave a gloriously uninhibited display of jumping to win the Maxi Cosi Winter 123cm championship on Bally Red Wharf. Going last in the four-pony jump-off, Riley executed such sharp turns on her diminutive pony that she looked in danger of keeling over. Roared on, she finished ond. James Fisher, of Britain, an astonishing 2.32sec ahead

Earlier, Schockemobie, a former European showjumping champion, con-firmed that "friendly nego-tiations" were in place to bring the British Nations' Cup event back to Hickstead. The event was transferred to Windsor this year - at the last minute - when Burn was forced to cancel his usual May meeting after the withdrawal of Silk Cut. his main sponsor, and his failure to secure a £400,000 from the . . Sports Council.

Schockemobile, whose event

management group. PST, is contributing a substantial amount" to the running costs of the Royal International and the Derby meeting next month, is determined that, in future. Hickstead's fortunes will not depend on one main SPORSOF.

Speaking at the show yester day, he said: "We want to change the whole concept and bring in more sponsors. Relying on one main sponsor is very dangerous because they can change their mind so suddenly."

RESULTS

ROYAL INTERNATIONAL

ROYAL INTERNATIONAL CHASE 1. Carat (G Goosen, GB) 0 in 55.02: 2. Edgar (H-H Engemann, Ger) 0 in 56 03; 3. Virtual Village Ashley (M Whiteler, GB) 0 in 56.48.

ROYAL INTERNATIONAL JULY

MAXI COST WINTER 128CM K (G Kay) 0 in 46.66.

RIDDEN HUNTER CHAMPION-SHIP: 1, J Dunlop's Red Hand (G Landau). Reserve: Integrated Packaging Lid's Fourpenny Rock (D Taton) BLOODSTOCK AND GENERAL

WOHD WATCHING

(b) Hilo grass, a large and course grass, Paspalum con-jugatum. The Hawaiian word. The well known and generally despised fillo grass occurs in moist, heavy soils in

KANGANY

(b) An overseer or headman of a gang of local labourers in Sri Lanka, southern India and Malaysia. From the Tamil kan an eye + kûn to see. "Several Tamil headmen — Kanganies — are sent to India with recruiting Joenses. Each Kangany will go to his own village in South India."

NAGA

(a) A naked mendicant belonging to any Hindu sect, specifically such an ascetic belonging to a Dadu Panthi Bewed to carry arms and serve as mercenaries. From the Sanskrit word for min. when I told him of my plans to work among the Nages, thought that I had wanted to study people whose nakedness had religious grounds."

LIGAND

(a) Each of the atoms or groups of atoms attached to the central (usually the metal) atom of a co-ordination complex. From ligandus the gerundive of ligare to hind. The relative accumulation factors for metals in marine organisms are related, in general to the stability of the metal ions with ligands."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Big names and fast food

After more than 300 editions the frenetic cookery show opens its kitchen to some of the small screen's snow opens its lottenen to some of the small screen's better-known faces. Members of the public have long and gallandy made fools of themselves trying to cook against the clock, so it seems only right that soap stars and weathermen should take their turn. The tasty treats of Michael Fish and Ian McCaskill. must await another programme, as must the uninary creations of June Whitfield, Rory Bremner, Lorraine Kelly, Nigel Havers and the Malletts from Coronation Street, Another soap opera, EastEnders, provides today's celebrity pair of Wendy Richard and her screen son. Todd Carty. Fern Britton's challenge for them is to prepare a meal in 20 minutes with £5 worth of ingredients. Two real chefs, Tony Tobin and the genial Ainstey Harriott, are on hand to help.

United Kingdom! Keeping the Dream Alive. BBC2, 7.45pm

David Quartermain is training on Lake Windermere for his third and final attempt to swim the English Channel. But this is a film more about the man and his motivation than the feat itself. He comes from a family of weak men, including his own father, and is determined to be a strong one. He was very close to his mother, particularly when she was dying of cancer, and expects to see her (at least in spirit) as he wades ashore on a French heach. Exhaustion and assure on a French heach. Exhauston and hypothermia scuppered his previous attempts and the statistics are not encouraging. More than a third of those who have attempted the crossing since 1875 have failed to make it. In the climan to a. well-observed film he finally strikes out for France As he tries to battle through pain and fatigue, darkness closes in and his coach shouts at him to stay near the boat or risk being third time unlucky.

United Kingdom Take That, Your Majesty

Radio 4, 11.00pm

Having begun by featuring one of the Royal Family's most loyal subjects, this admirable series of national snapshots concludes by presenting an opposite view. It is a fair bet that Colin Edwards, the superpatriotic royal watcher, would have little

time for Iwan Standley of the Welsh Language Society. With four fellow nationalists. Standley threw himself in front of the Queen's car during her visit to Aberystwyth. The protest got personal, with the demonstrators declaring that the Queen (ungraciously referred to as "the old dear") was a personification of the evil British State which was a rying to suppress Welsh culture. Standley and his friends were arrested for breach of the peace and taken to court. If anything the move backfired by giving them extra publicity for the cause. They were not slow to take advantage.

Channel 4, 10.00pm

American sirrom night on Channel 4, which last week saw the new series of Friends, is further refreshed by the return of the dysfunctional household from Seattle. Frasier is one of the best structured of the American comedy shows and if it neither aims high nor goes deep, it mixes its well-chosen ingredients to consistently strong effect. Tonight's episode exemplifies this with a skillfully worked plot about mistaken identity. At its heart is an amempt by Daphine (Jane Leeves) to repel an old flame by pretending she is married to Niles (David Hyde Pierce). Frasier (Kelsey Grammer) and Martin Dohn Moloney) join in the deception. The joke will have a special resonance for regular viewers who have long followed Niles's unrequited crush on Daphine.

particular relevance given the present battle over a closer European identity. Richards identifies the aftermath of the Falklands war as the beginning of

a revived interest in national identity. He explores the extent to which that identity has been shaped

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00em No

RADIO CHOICE

Book of the Month Greeness Gracius Me Radio 3, 8.10pm . Books are often not so much reviewed on radio as discussed, which can work perfectly well except that most programmes, in trying to cover a range of titles, risk giving insufficient time to each. This programme takes the opposite course, thus incurring a different risk that nearly 20 minutes given to one book could prove a turn-off. But tonight's choice, a book of essays by Jeffrey Richards called Films and British National Identity, has a particular relevance over the present battle over a

There are some programmes one looks forward to more than others and the arrival of a tape of the show that won Best Comedy at this year's Sony Awards cheered up a dull morning. I would have been even more cheered had the tape not been blank, unless of course this is some particularly subtle joke by the producer Anil Gupta. But I aim sufficiently confident to recommend this, the first Asian sketch show to win a Sony, especially as some of the staples from the first series, including The Bhangamuffins, are returning. There is also a new and exotic Bollywood gossip columnist, Madhuri Melon Liquer. Those who think an Asian show is just for Asians are missing something: comedy this good is inclusive. There are some programmes one looks forward to

7.00em Merk Raddiffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 May Anna Hobbs C.N. Newbest 6.50 Pete Tong: Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jurgle 12.00em Radio 1 Rep Show with Tim Westwood 3.00em Creatie Jordon

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sandy Watt 7,00 Paul Ross 9,00 Scott Chisholm 12,00 Lonsins Kelly 2,00pm Tommy Boyd 4,00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7,00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10,00 Million Allen 1,00mm ten Collect

CLASSIC FM 4.00mm Mark Griffiths 8.00 Alan Marin 9.00 Harry Kelly Nobles et Sentimentalea); Gershwin (Porgy and Bees) 10.00 Michael Meppin 2.00em Concerto (r)

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6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor, includes Poutenc (Mass in G); Besthoven (Symphony No 2 in D); Chopin (Grande Velse Britante in E (540); Defus (Song of the High Hills) 8.05 Building a Library Seint-Saéns (Samaon et Dalie) 8.25 Shostakovich (Piano Duintel)

9.00 Monding Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Berfor (Dastum I a consales) Safe (Googsange).

Shostakovich (Plano Duktiet)

9.00 Montaing Collection, with Peter Hobday, includes Berifoz (Overhure Le consalve); Satie (Gnossiennes Nos 4-8); Hasse Motet: Chori Angelici Lastentes); Tchallovally (Overture Romeo and Juliet)

10.00 Mixelad Encounteiers, with Chris de Souza: includes Mitheud (Chamber Symphony No 2); Wagner (A Faust Overture); Boulez (Derive I); Bestroven (Plano Sonsta in C straip minor, Op 27 No 2, Moonlight); Mysilvecak (Wind Octet No 3 in B flat); Light (Funeral Ode No 3); Rechmeninov (Deptac Tirlo in D minor, Op 9)

12.00 Composers of the Weet: Early-Spenish Music 1.00cm Newset Luperhilms Concert: Live from the

(Elegae in on O mano, Op 9)

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2.00 Private Passions. The actor Danis Culley assess: the taxounte pieces of music to Michael Berkete; includes Rodgers and Hammerstein and British (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive. Susen Sharpe incoduces.

auto Mining the Archive, Susan Shape infroducesrecordings of the Beaut Arts Trio, includes
Bretims (Plano Trio in A. Op posth); Beethoven
(Triple Concarto in C.; George Roctiberg (Trio)
5.00 Muste Machine. From Debenham High School in
Sulfalk, featuring the group Dangerous (Stchen
5.15 in Tune, with Anthony Burton, includes Defus (in
a Summer Garden); Gerstwin (Phapsody in Blue);
Berwald (Symphony No 4 in E flet)

7.30 Cheltenhem Festival. Live from Chellenhem
Town Heil, Susan Chicott, soprano, with BBC
Symphony Orchestra under Marius Stenz. Vic
Hoyland (Five short movements), Brahms
(Symphony No 2 in D) 8.10 Book of the Month,
See Choice 8.30 Concert, part 2. Vic Hoyland (A
Viceni); Mahler (Leder eines Fehrenden Gesetlen)
3.30 Edround Burter. The Orpheus That Sailed with
the Argonauts. Last of five programmes marking
the 20th armiversary of the death of Edmund
Burter. With Luke Gibbons of Dublin City University
9.50 Heer and Now. Robert Ziegler introduces Leurie
Anderson's new one-women show, The Speed of

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London

1.30 Composers of the Weelc Schota Centorum (r)

1.15 Satisphone Colessus. John Suman teliss to the satisphone Sonry Rolfise about how he came to form a triu with beas and drams (4/6) (r)

1.45 Through the Night, with Donald Medeod. Includes 1.00 L'Ultimo Glorri of Pompel, by Glovarri Pacini. With Rauf Giminez, tenor, land Terrar, soprano, Nicolas Fivenq, bass; Gregory Bonfatti, tenor, Svetlara Sidorova, soprano, the Bratislave Chamber Choir, Orchestra of the Bellini Theatre of Cathrile, under Glutiano Carella 3.40 or The German Youth Bass Quintet performs works by Locke, Farneby, Amold and Bernstein 4.50 Capella Istropolitana, Slovak Philiramnonic Choir, under Ludovit Rajter, Adriena Kohutikova, soprano, Marta Bernsclova, mezzo, Jozef Kundlek, tenor, Pater Milulas, bass, Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor, Kissor), Heydin (Mess in D minor, Netson) 6.00 Sequence

RADIO 4 6.30 A Man with Latituda. David Neil Lodge continues to nagotiate his route through Europs with the help of listeners' recommendations (6/6) 7.00 Netra 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serie selects excerpts from the the last seven days on BBC radio and television

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 Nave Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Pertament 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Disco. Sue Landay's castaway is Nico Ladenis (r) 9.45 Feedbask, with Chris Dunke

10.00 News; Negotiators (FM). Dr Raj Perseud locks at the Stansted airport hostage situation of 1982, the first sege of its kind to occur on meinland.

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Britain (3/4)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Shells McClernon
11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by
Joan's Princock
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consume news and
current attains with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Food Programme. Derek Cooper takes
another look at the office storid
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
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4.45 Short Story India Season: The Lost Child, by
Mulk Ray Anend. The late of a young child who
gets lost at a furtier. Read by Amerit Deu
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.56
Shipping Forecast 6.55 Weather a.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Pictureville, Bradford. The panel includes Frank Dobson. MP, Michael Jack, MP, Am Lesie and the Bishop of Rochester.

a.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlina. Sally, Hardcastle tooks at the implications of greater access to the workings of government access to the workings of government Stateside served up by Allstalr Cooke.

3.16 Latter from America. Another sites of title.

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3.20 Kaleidoscope Feature: Johannes Brahms — The Composer's death, Stephen Johnson sets Brahms in context clump the turbulent Romentic eta (1).

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Bratms in context during the turbulent Romantic era (f)

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Capitain Coreffi's Mandollin by Louis de Bernière. Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Robert Powell (5/15)

11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. With Sanjesv Shasker, Kuhander Ghir and Meera Syel. See Choice 11.25 Fourth Column. Presented by Times columnist John Diamond

11.45 Today in Partiement. A roundup of the day's events in Westnainster

12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Giant's House. Lorder King reads the final part of the story by Eizabeth McCracken (10/10)

12.46 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service.

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1, FM 97,8-99.B. RADIO 2, FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3, FM 90,2-92.4, RADIO 4, FM 92.4-94.5; LW 196; MW 720, RADIO 5 LIVE, MW 693, 908, WORLD SERVICE, MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.58em). Classic FM, FM 100-102, VIRGIN RADIO, FM 105.9; MW 1197, 1215, TALK RADIO, MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio Estings compiled by Peter Deer, Ian Hughes, Rosembry Smith, Sussen Theory.





s the pall of summer settles ever more heavily over the television schedules (believe me, I've read next week's Radio Times) the thrice-weekly The Bill (ITV) becomes ever more welcome. Slightly biased I may be fibid. passim), but there's no arguing with the fact that round at Sun Hill they reliably pack more original drama into 24 minutes than BBCI will get into the entirety of at least one particularly awful looking night next week. No arguing, that is, except with fans of classic clips, from compilations, of highlights, of repeats, of the furny bits from comedy shows that the BBC can't afford to make any more.

But back to Sun Hill, where last night's episode was particularly special because Letitia Dean, the actress formerly known as Mrs Grant Mitchell of Albert Square, playing an arsonist. Like a moth to the flame, Dean

through The Hello Girls without burning down Derby telephone exchange, I shall never know. But here she was, back on more familiar and certainly more incendiary territory, playing Amanda Ronson (an unfortunate surname for an arsonist, don't you think? a hairdresser whose salon had mysteriously burnt down. And not a Mitchell brother in sight.

Meadows (Simon Rouse) was convinced she had done it, largely because a few years earlier he had failed to get her convicted of helping to set light to her boy-friend's factory. This had to be another insurance job ... except for the motive-wrecking revelation that the salon was not insured. If I tell you that the real motive involved a woman called Peggy and an extramarital affair, you'll probably laugh - but it's true.

Happily, the quality of the script

appears drawn deliberately to set and the acting ensured that we fires. Indeed, how she ever got survived such spooky coincidences. Dean, looking browner and blonder than she ever had in Walford, was on good form and was particularly well supported by Polly Hemingway, who played Peggy, her rival in love and inherited wealth, and by Niall Reloy. her easily duped boyfriend.

> We left Sun Hill with DS Beech (Billy Murray, another EastEnders veteran) still casting admiring glances in her direction. A woman, he thought, "worth getting your fingers burnt for", "You wouldn't be the first," warned Meadows. Too right.

> As the credits rolled, I faced the sort of depressing choice that tells you that summer schedules have arrived: Airport (BBCI) or Undercover Customs (ITV)? And would anybody be able to tell if they pressed the wrong button?

REVIEW



At least, with Airport, somebody finally seemed to have agreed with me that watching it on television is even more boring than going to Heathrow itself. This episode had all the exciting hits that have been so conspicuous by their absence to date. We had a small plane crash (not any dead, or even injured), two medical emergencies (including a baggage handler with mildly crushed feet) and a glimpse

For a moment I thought we were even having a fleeting glimpse of rea! life, until I discovered that the cross-looking passengers were not being turned away from the Britsh Airways desk but from Virgin Atlantics. Nothing to do with strikes, but some sort of hydraulic problem that meant their plane was still in Washington DC.

But best of all were Steve and Dennis, respectively resident reporter and photographer at Heathrow, who were clearly out to confirm everybody's worst suspicions of the journalistic profession. This hard-binen pair already had the story of the crash, plus accompanying pictures, from a bearded. rotund. Egyptian businessman. But what they really wanted was an English family or an attractive bionde. "Sex sells." observed the unrepentant Dennis, who had just spotted exactly what he wanted. "She's pretty, she's blonde - if that

of Diana. Princess of Wales. lady was a passenger shed be we have called him... Steve." perfect." The dightly worrying thing is that if you examine the front pages of even the more serious papers - he's right

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n Undercover Customs, Trevor McDonald was going where his fellow newsreaders, Michael Buerk and Martyn Lewis. have already gone — into the easy money world of presenting surveillance video clips and dramatised reconstructions. In time-honoured fashion, he assured us that the customs officers we would see and the members of the Cali cocaine cartel of Colombia were all played by actors. Either he was lying or the act-

ors were having a very bad day. Then there were the names to sort out. To protect the identity of the undercover customs officer. Trevor proudly told us, he had been called Peter Hesketh. Fair enough, I suppose But there was more. To protect his informant,

Steve? That left the Colombians. There was Gerardo Somethingorother, "known as Mr G" and Francisco Somethingelse: "You can call me Frank." Well, why not? The introductions set the tone of what followed.

Finally, Clive Anderson rerurned from his ill-fated mission to Mars and BBC2 to present yet another new series of the still hugely enjoyable Whose Line Is It Anyway? (Channel 4). With gifted North Americans now dominating the team, Rory Bremner bravely pitched up to play the token Brit. He was thoroughly outclassed when it came to improvisation but got his own back with impersonation, which a surprising number of games tactfully seemed to require. The world's worst presenter of an educational sex video? Murray Walker, John Major, Geoffrey Boycott ... why no Clive Anderson?

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (34614)

7.00 BBC Breekfast News (T) (81701) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (3526898) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (1940904) 9.50 Kilroy (5612072)

10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? Phil Vickery prepares honey-glazed duck. Paul Rankin cooks pan-med salmon with chilli vegetable' ragout and Alastair Little rustles up a raspbarry and almond tart

11.00 News (F) and weather (7103850)

11.05 Due South Leslie Nielsen guest-stars as a legendary Mountie who disappears a week before his retirement, prompting Fraser to set out in search of the man who was once his childhood hero (r) (1) (8702102)

11.50 Good Neighbours (2120633) 12.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (8681343)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (6368091) 12.35 Neighbours (T) (8016850) 1.00 News (1) and weather (91188)

1.30 Regional News (42691121) 1.40 Perry Meson: The Case of the Telitale Talk Show Host An unpopular radio presenter is murdered and the linger points at a colleague, until Peny uncovers a whole host of tamous suspects who had a reason to do him in. Starring Raymond Burr (3720459)

3.10 Quincy (9595072) 4,00 Popeye (7089614) 4.10 To Me, to You (4478701) -4.35 Prince of Atlantis (8163140) 5.00 Newsround (T) (1216508) 5.10 Record Breakers (f) (T) (4897121)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (538898) 6.00 News (1) and weather (879)

6,30 Regional News (459) Cook Chets Ainsley, Imady, Cook Chets Ainsley, Harriott and Tony Tobin attempt to create sumptuous meals against the clock, using ingredients bought from Walford merket by EsstEnders stars Wendy Richard and Took Certy. Presented by Esst Britten (189 (4121) Fem Britton (1/8) (4121)

7.30 Top of the Pops (1) (343) Frencia' classic comedy, starring Ronnie Barker as wilv convict Fletcher and Futtor: Mackey as his prison officer nemesis (f)

(1) (6099) 8.30 Aunde's Sporting Bloomers Football puncit Jimmy Hill reveals some: unexpected strings to his bow, including showjumping and winter sports (1) (2904).

9,00 News (1) and weather (8545) 9.30 Scent of a Woman (1992) Al Pacino plays a blind, hard-drinking wer veteran who paye timid college student Chris O'Dornell to accompany him on a weekend break in the big city. Directed by

Martin Biest (28720985) 11.55 The Hunting Party (1971) Violent western, with Ofiver Reed, Candice Bergen and Simon Oekkand, Sadistic Texas cattle baron Gene Hackman vows to wipe out the outlaw geing responsible for kidnepping his wife. Directed by Don

1.40am Weather (2521305)

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6.00em Open University: Denish Energy (7193072) 6.25 Controlling Cernival Crowds? (9194459) 7.15 See Hear Breaklast New

signing) (6065188) 7.30 The Moomins (r) (7184546) 7.55 Cartoon Criters (r) (T) (6025895) 8.20 Mr Benn (r) (6703679) 8.35 The Record (2625508) 9.00 Isle of Pongo (r) (5828482) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (1928782) 9.36 Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2606324) 10.00 Telefubbies (45411) 10.30 The Season (r) (89904)

11.00 international Golf Day three of the Loch Lomond World invitational (71512)

12.30pm Worlding Lunch (42558) 1.00 Joshua Jones (r) (25220091) 1.10 Off the Beaten Track (96951699) 1.40 Blockbusters (50507324)

2.05 International Golf Further action from Loch Lomand (19219614)

6.00 Duel at Silver Creek (1952) with Audie count Murphy. Stephen McNelly and Susen trying to prove his innocence. Directed by Don Slegel (1) (5897968) WALES: Guartum Leap (399633) 6.46 United Kingdom! (936985) 7.15 United Kingdom! (930188) 7.30 (2004anam) Kingdom! (930188) 7.30 Gardeners' World (985) 8.00 Gareth Edwards at 50 (7782) 10.00 The World's Toughest Yacht



Global Challenge competitors (7.15)

7.15 The World's Toughest Yacht Race The penultimate leg, Cape Town to Boston (T) (2/13998)

1.45 Unland Kingdom! Keeping the Dream Alive A man determined to swim the English Channel

That, Your Majesty Profile of four members of the Welsh Language Society (1) (335353)

8.30 Gardeners' World from the Hampton Court Flower Show, presented by Alan Titchmanth, Pippa Greenwood and Gey

8.00 Welrd Science (1985) Two nerdy teeragers use their computer to design the perfect woman, but are ill-prepared for the results of their little experiment. Teen sol-fl comedy with Anthony Michael Half, Kelly LeBrock and Bill Paston. Directed by John Hughes (1) (7817) 10.20 UK, Lange (686256)

10.30 Newsuight (T) (869850) 10.15 The A Force (119701)

12.45em A. Place in the World (1992) with Jose Sacristan, Federato Luppi and Cecilia Roth. The only son of politically which changed the lives of everyone he knew. Directed by Adolfo Aristarain. In Spanish with English subtitles (795218) 2.45-2.50 Weather (8065034)

HTV

8.00mm GMTV (6921154) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (T) (1934343) 9.55 Regional news (T) (4710940) 10.00 The Time, the Place (49237) 10.30 This Morning Last in series (T)

(94124492) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (8687527) 12:30 Meurs (T) and peather (8042275) 12.55 Designed by Emanuel (8027966) 1.25 Home and Away (7) (37722411) 1.50 Muzder, She Wisle (n) (8059121) 2.50 Garden Calendar (8452633)

3.20 News (T) (1150072) 3.25 Regional News (1) and weather (1159343)

3.39 Rosie and Jim (f) (4468817) 3.40 Cartoon Time (6355275) 4.00 The Treacle People (T) (4382527) 4.15 The Real Ghostbusters (T) (4462140) 4.40 Get Wet (T) (8686072) 5.10 A Country Practice (4822817)

5.40 News (7) and weather (704904) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (548701) 6.25 HTV Weather (424782) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (527)



server Jeremy Bendle (7.00pm)

7.00 Beadle's Hotshots Jeremy Beadle returns with more humorous home movies, including a spool of Riverdance and an amazing performing dog (1)

make a difficult decision. Natalie cets more than she bargains for when she bumps into Sally (T) (411)

8.00 The Bill A group of local women fear for their lives efter in callous loan shark launches a campaign of terror (T) (5237) 8.30 Surprise! Surprise! Cita Black makes more dreams come true and reunites

long-lost relatives (T) (37256) 9.30 Tarrant on TV Chris Tarrant continues his longue-in-cheek exploration of global television (r) (T) (14188)

10.00 News (T) and weather (68411) 10.30 The West Tonight Update (519546) 10.40 Old Gringo with Jane Fonda, Gregory Peck and Jimmy Smits. Epic period drame about a spinster who heads for Mexico to escape the influence of her

parents and finds herself caught up in the 1913 revolution. Directed by Luis Puenzo 1.00em Twice in a Lifetime (1985) Domestic drams with Gene Hackman, Ann-Mergaret and Ellen Burstyn. Directed by

Bud Yorkin (43914893) 3.05 Bonkers (T) (6105522)

4.00 Coach (r) (20214251)

4.25 Sound Bites (78702473) 4.35 Collins and Masonie's Movie Club (r)

(22086)83 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (26676) 5.30 10-5 (882)(9)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9027966) 2.59-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden

CENTRAL

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1860275) 6.25-7.00 Central News (\$13898) 10.40 Film: Revolver .11233237) 12.25am Sound Sites (5462215)

12.40 Film: A Women with a Past (679314)

2.20 The LADS 45307251 2.55 Bonkers (6475454) 3.50 Helter Skelter (5406831) 4.40 Central Jobfinder '97 (7661164)

WESTCOUNTRY

5.20 Asian Eye 95820961

As HTV West except: 19.45 Film: Sugarland Express (79444324) 12.20pm-12.30 Huminations (9687527) 12.55 Home and Away '8027966)

1.25 Frances Bissell's Wes Kitchen .77784029 1.55 Westcountry Update (59613985) 1.25-1.20 Blos Heelers (9678986)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1860275) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (92053) 10.30 Westcountry News (77185430) 12.45am Weekly World News (1829657)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 Shortland Street (8027966) 1.50 Surprise Chefs (59614614) 2.20 Put it to the Test (66525256) 2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (8452633) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1860275) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (92053)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (500895) 10.45 Highlander (350527) 11.40 Wiseguy (568879) 12.35am Campus Cops (3096909)

5.00 Freescreen (26676) ANGLIA

As HTY West except:

12,55-1,25 A Country Practice (8027966) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (8967140) 2.80-3.20 Countrywide (8452633) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1880275)

6.25-7.00 Anolia News (813896) 10.45 Film: The Amityville Horror (21676324)

SAC Starts: 6,00am Sesame Street (27324) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (74411; 9.00 Bewitched (85188) 9.30 The Monroes (1629850) 10.25

(3632879) 11.30 Springhill (2121) 12.00 Animal Passiona (65324) 12.30pm Rickl Lake (92966) 1.00 Stot Methrin (25206411) 1.15 Slot Synladau Sali (66545879) 1.25 Australia Wild (7555459) 2.00 Racing from York (7169) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (140) 4.30 Girl on a Motorbike (324) 5.00 5 Pump (7695) 5.30 Countdown (904) 6.00 Newyddion (162430) 6.05 Heno (533879) 6.35 Jac yn y Bocs (431072) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (6368 7.25 Dymau'r Celtiald (934275) 8.00 Llangollen 97 (3879) 8.30 Newyddion (5614) 9.00 Jewels of the Desert (8898) 10.00 Brookside (182053) 10.35 Friends (784324) 11.05 Harry HIII (962614) 11.35 Tour De France (742072) 12.05em Film: Eraserheed (210744) 1.40 Robin (2514015) 1.45 Film: Blood Relatives (93-1744) 3,30 Film:

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6.00am Sessine Street (i) (27324) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (74411) **9.00** Sewitched (ii) (T) (85188) **9.30** The Montoes, American drama senal (1629850)

10.25 Transylvania A documentary look at the western Romanian regron (r) (T) (6949324) 11.25 Secrets of the Moor (5/6) (5636817) 11.55 Urbanissimo (6361188)

12.00 Garden Party In (T) (65324) 12.30pm Caroline in the City Caroline and the Birdesmaid (r) (T) (92966) 1.00 Caroline in the Cay Caroline and the Wedding it. (1) (21606332) 1.25 Australia Wild

(16751481) 1.55 Racing from York The 2.10, 2.40, 3.10

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (140) 4.30 Countdown (T) (£164879) 4.55 Ricki Laire III) (TI (£2017382) 6.30 Pet Rescus III) (TI

6.60 The Cosby Show Cornedy with Bill Cosby (r) (1) (817)

6,30 Tour De France The 215km stage from Le Blanc to Marennes (169) 7.30 Channel 4 News (T) (200169) 7.50 Chester Mystery Plays (335879)

8.00 Garden Party The experts are at the Cameron Community Garden in London's East End (T) (3879) 8.30 Brookside Rachel receives some good news about the wedding - but is

Christian as keen? (1) (5614) 9,00 Friends: The One When No One's Ready it is Ross's big night - he is making a speech at the museum, with his five triends in support (T) (1256) 9.30 Cybill: Going To Hell in a Limo Cornedy series starring Cybili Shepherd (1) (42530)



Fracier Crane and family (10.00pm) 10.00 CHOIGE Fracier. The Two Mrs. Cranes The return of Seattle's favourite radio psychologist. Daphne ha to pretend she is married to Niles. With

Keisey Grammer (T) (66053) 10.30 Harry Hill Sketches and stand-up cornedy (155169)

11.05 Eraserhead (1976, b/w) David Lynch's leature film debut, starring John Nance. A man is thrown into a nightmansh world when his girlfnend leaves him holding their mutant baby (1) (622072)

12.40 am Robin (2436909) 12.45 Blood Relatives (1977) staming Donald Sutherland. A psychological thriller set in Montreat. Directed by Claude Chabrol

(124229)2.30 Wedding Rehearsel (1932, b/w) A romantic comedy staining Roland Young, directed by Alexander Korda (8894831) 3.55 Takeover TV (1/8) (r) (9407183)

4.40 Mesculine Mescaline A drame by Gary Love staming John Thaw (r) (50533909) 5.10 Tour De France (r) (4604096)

CHANNELS TO CHANNELS

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 700 and 700 MHz.

7,30 Havakazoo (7324411) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7221506) 8.30 WideWorld (9/10) (7220879) 9.00 Espresso (3921169) 10.00 Evaluative (f) (5900879) 10.30 The Car Snow (f) (7233343) 11.00 Leeza (6862459, 11.50 Double Espresso (19633817)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (Ti (7224695) 12.30 pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (4898053)

1.00 5 News 1.05 Sunser Beach (T) (8631140) 2.00 5's Company (6811695) 3.30 El Cld (1961) The conclusion of the epic adventure, with Charlton Heston as the 11th-century Spanish hero Directed by

Anthony Mann (1330140) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68954053) 5.30 100 Per Cent (7661633) 6.00 Move on Up (T) (7668546)



6.30 Family Affairs Claire goes on a modelling assignment (T) (7669698)

7.00 Exclusive! (6918237) 7.30 Treasure lalands The wildlife of the toresis of the Seychelles (7648782) 8.00 Attractions Featuring Blackbook: a fish

Stattordshire and Oxford (6927985) 8,30 5 News (T) (6906492) 9.00 Legacy of Evit (1985) with Stephen Lang and Sheita McCarthy A lact-based thriller about a man who begins to exhibit bizarre

mental and physical symptoms. Directed by Michael Kennedy (59360169)

10.40 The Jack Docherty Show with guesis Ryan Stiles, Brian Cox, Jayne Middlemiss and music from Glen Campbell (1464904)

11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9832343)

12.25am Housewife (1976) An erotic cornedy drams with Yaphei Kotto and Jeannie Berlin, directed by Larry Cohen (4989095) 2.15 Find the Lady (1976) A comedy about two Inept policemen on a kidnap case With Lawrence Dane and John Candy,

3.50 Escape to Burma (1955) with Robert
Ryan and Barbara Stanwyck A romantic
drama about a man on the run for a
murder he did not commit, who hides out on a jungle plantation. Directed by Alian Dwan (84834744) 5,20 The Road Country and western music

directed by John Trent (5056367)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3902034)

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World (26698) 11.00 Dept of Our Lives
(38352) 12.00 Oprah Wirdney (38237)
1.00pan Geraldo (42965) 2.00 Selly Jessy
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6.30 Memed — with Children (1351) 7.00
The Simpsons (5833) 7.30 M*A*5**H (6995)
8.00 The Big Easy (81896) 8.00 Waller,
Texas Fanger (34362) 10.00 High Incident
(64121) 11.00 Ster Treit Ned Generation
(27527) 12.00 Lies Show with Letterman

SKY 2 7.00pm Superboy (5507481) 7.30 Superboy (5857508) 8.00 Hercutes: The Legendary Journey (2214527) 9.00 Pacific Drive (2277614) 11.00 in the Heat of the Night (6149527) 12.00 Hit Mix (8320098) KKY NEWS Worldwide news coverage, with building on

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Future of national game at stake

Decision day dawns for English rugby

would take comparatively little interest in the annual meeting of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), will hope that this evening's assembly at the London Hilton Hotel will bring to a conclusion the worst outbreak of internecine rivalry in the union this

Only the rupture between the northern clubs and the rest of the country, which led to the formation of the Rugby Football League in the mid-1890s. has surpassed it during the union's 125-year history. To that extent, it should not be surprising that the embrace of professionalism by rugby union two years ago should have led to a similar upheaval. save that, in England, the feuding has become so bitter and personalised that it is hard to see certain key figures working with each other in the

The all-important motion before the meeting is the election of officers for next season: it is only two years ago that the RFU decided it required a chairman, to relieve the president of some of the day-to-day running of union affairs, but it tailored the job to a specific individual rather than laying down job

specifications. Peter Bromage died only five days after being elected chairman, just as Tony Hallett was coming to terms with his to Dudley Wood. In retrospect, the RFU might have been better advised to follow its initial thoughts in seeking Wood's successor - when it employed head-hunters to discover worthy candidates and choose from outside its own. Instead. Hallett, one of their committeemen, was successful and has been forced to

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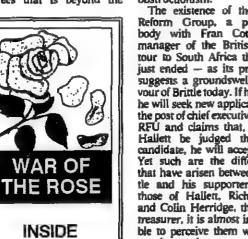
fight his corner ever since. It is not however - for now - Hallen's position that is at stake. Cliff Brittle, elected January 1996, thanks to a wave of support from the 2.000 small clubs who make

up the membership of the union, is defending that role against Bob Rogers, the official RFU nominee. That in itself may say something about the disputatious times in which the union is ravelled. but it is by no means all.

It is not beyond belief that the meeting could also refuse to elect Peter Brook as president, even though nobody is standing against him. Usually, the presidency passes seamlessly on an annual basis

from one long-serving candidate to another, but these are not normal times. Such is the president's power, those who support Brittle may feel that they must also discover a president who would not choose to overrule him, as John Richardson, from Warwickshire, has found himself having to do during his year of

in fact, Brook, 65, the former managing director of a textile company, has an aspect from his service on the International Rugby Football Board and his work with referees that is beyond the



Page 48 An analysis of the candidates, the personalities and the Page 49

A guide to the key Issues, the dirty tricks campaign and the mood of

norm. "People have to learn that personalities should not be the foremost thing now." Brook said. "People on our committee and our staff have to realise the game and the union are bigger than any "We have to have corporate

responsibility. I'm sure we will get that because everyone knows we have to have it. It will be a disaster if, after the elections, the losing side does not accept the verdict. This is the epitome of a democratic election and if that is not accepted, it shows you don't accept democracy."

Sir Patrick Lowry, in his report to the RFU special meeting in Birmingham in March, detected a "lack of communication" between prominent individuals involved in this dispute. That is putting it mildly. Brittle has accused the existing RFU hierarchy of acting as a cabal, of deceit and a lack of integrity: they, in turn, have accused Brittle of hysterical outbursts. delusions of grandeur and obstructionism.

The existence of the RFU Reform Group, a pressure body with Fran Cotton manager of the British Isles tour to South Africa that has just ended — as its president suggests a groundswell in fa-your of Brittle today. If he wins. he will seek new applicants for the post of chief executive of the RFU and claims that, should Hallett be judged the best candidate, he will accept that. Yet such are the differences that have arisen between Brittle and his supporters, and those of Hallett, Richardson and Colin Herridge, the RFU treasurer, it is almost impossible to perceive them working together again.

The senior clubs, well aware that their vote counts for as much or as little as the most junior club, will watch the situation with a sense of unease, even though they have established a reasonable working relationship with the RFU. They have found Brittle the most rigid of negoriators and they may worry that he may yet seek to implement some form of regional rugby. as envisaged by Cotton. his most substantial supporter and who would enjoy a policy-

making role within the union.

If Brittle loses, then the revised management already in place will take effect, with Hallett as chief executive, subject to a review of his role in October. The prospect is, however, that Brittle will win, that Rogers will remain as Sussex's representative on the committee and that there will be a blood-letting of considerable proportions unless individuals such as Herridge should choose to fight Brittle's influence. If that happens, then a weary country and the rugby world outside, which has watched with disappointment England's decline as an infiuential voice, may find that this evening has changed nothing.

employee and you have to confront the guy with the

"It's not a motivation issue, it's an application issue. May-be we were too comfortable together. I've got to get him back on the boil for his sake and mine. We both know what he's capable of and that is something better than

"it's up to me to help him. I'm not dropping him in it. It is up to everyone to perform better in the second half of the season. A lot of silly mistakes have been made.'

Such public criticism will be difficult for a man of Hill's fierce pride to tolerate. He is a deeply sensitive character. whose future remains clouded in the seasonal smokescreen of rumour and innuendo. He



sympathy in the present climate of fevered speculation.

He struck a forlorn figure yesterday when, at a pre-race public appearance alongside Michael Schumacher and Jacques Villeneuve, he was presented with tangential evidence of his sudden decline. He was in self-deprecating mood, but the frustrations

were obvious. "It's going to be difficult to get a win here," he said, triggering cruel laughter. He added, more realistically: "Just getting passed the first lap or finishing the race would do the trick.

"I have got very used to seeing my name at the top of the lists in recent years and now sometimes I have to scroll down to the second page to see where I am. It's kinda new. It saps your comph. It's difficult to get the best out of yourself in

those conditions. "I'm not going to do a Basil Fawlty, I don't think it would help the situation, but it's been a long old year. The mechanics have put in a lot of effort so far and we've not given them

much hope."
Walkinshaw made unflattering comparisons between Hill and Pedro Diniz, a teammate notable mainly for the 66.5 million transfusion of sponsorship income that he represents. Tellingly, he also seized on the central theme of collective responsibility.-

"At the beginning of the season, we had reliability problems," he said, "but, during the course of the year, that unreliability has been shared 50-50 with the drivers. At Magny Cours, one of them [Hill] went off the road unaid-

Hill wounded by owner's arrows couple of times on his in-lap. Give me a break i hired

Damon as world champion to drive this team forward. I respect his admission that, on to get himself into gear, but he has to do what we are paying him for. Hill is by no means an

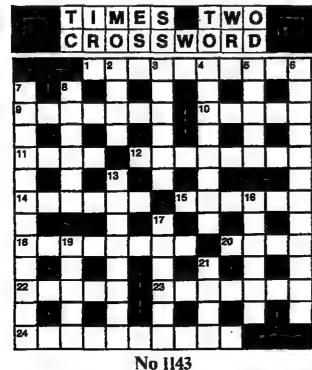
unsaleable commodity. Walkinshaw insists an engine deal for 1998 will be in place by the end of August, but he is likely to face competition for Hill's services from teams such as Prost, Sauber and McLaren. However, the driver has

also to face uncomfortably: fresh realities. Salaries are likely to be depressed in a buyers market and his manager, the London lawyer, Michael Breen, is still far from enjoying universal respect in world of the Formula One

Eddie Jordan, the team owner, whose completion of blow to Arrows, summed up the prevailing doubts about the wisdom of Hill's career development

"What I can't understand is how it took Damon six hours from start to finish to agree his deal with Tom," he said. "That was such a critical decision. He'd spent 15 years pushing his way up to world champion and to take that sort of decision without a night's sleep seems unwise."

Hill to drive one of his cars this season, in Formula One, it is always best to examine the ulterior motive.



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CRICKET COMRESPONDENT WHILE the inquests contin-

ued at Old Trafford and the Oval vesterday into the elimination of both the holders and favourites from the NatWest Trophy, their outlandish conquerors had mixed luck in the draw for the quarter-finals of the competition. Nottinghamshire are at home to Essex. which should at least make

It was hard to know which of the two results provoked greater surprise on Wednesday — Nottinghamshire de-fending a modest 176 to put out Surrey, or Sussex pursuing Lancashire's 283 as if it was the kind of target that they have been routinely knocking

off all season. Great days for the underdog, however, are, by definition, grim days for the giants of the game and the overseas coaches of Surrey and Lanca-

Gilbert and Day Whatmore. now face a profound examination of their ability to NATWEST TROPHY regenerate motivation and

BY MICHAEL CALVIN

DAMON HILL'S troubled

season reached a new nadir

yesterday when his profes-

sionalism was questioned by

million in his status as

world champion. Tom Walk-

inshaw's strictures, on the eve

of the British Grand Prix

meeting at Silverstone, were

uncomfortably close to public

Walkinshaw, owner of the

Arrows team, sought to deflect

some of the blame for a barren

first half of the season on to

Hill, who admitted that he has

struggled to sustain his moti-

vation in unaccustomed ad-

versity. His criticism was all

the more wounding for its

Matters came to a head

after the French Grand Prix.

when Hill finished three laps

behind the winner, Michael

Schumacher, after a first lap

incident. Walkinshaw (right).

irritated but ultimately inured

to constant suggestions that the world champion is wast-ing his talent, informed Hill

that it was time that he lived

up to the responsibilities of his

man is only as good as his last

race," he said. "If they think to

themselves 'I want to be in a

better situation', they should

try 110 per cent to impress

other people. I struggle with

the concept of motivation

being a factor. If money

doesn't motivate, then fear of

There comes a time when

you stop being subtle. There's

no point in allowing frustra-

tion to build-up inside you.

You have to be blunt. A driver

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Gilbert's job can be thought slightly easier, in that Surrey have no time for morbid reflection on what might have been. They go to Lord's for the Berson and Hedges Cup final tomorrow: if they cannot raise themselves for that, then there them some money, but Sussex really is something rotten have an unappealing trip to within the club.

Lancashire, however, are reaching the mid-point of the season with their knockout cup status in tatters and the Sunday league offering their one prospect of consolation. Their vasi membership has tended to put up with championship mediocrity while they had glamorous days at Lord's to occupy them. The void may alter their philosophy

With the departure of the heavy artillery of one-day cricket — the clubs who DRAW

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monopolised the limited-overs trophies last year - Essex have taken over the role of favourites. Their dismissal of Worcestershire was typically businesslike and it is difficult to see them adopting Surrey's complacency against the willing but limited resources of Nottinghamshire.

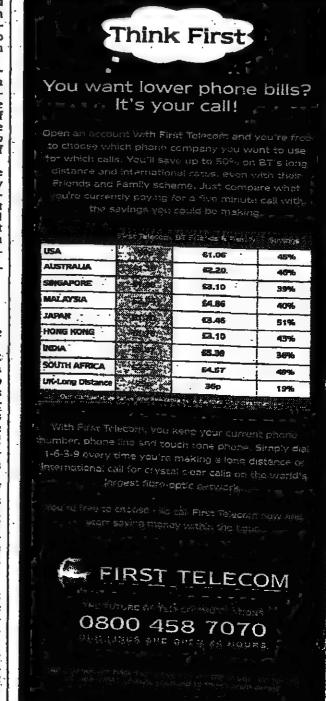
Until Wednesday, the effort and enterprise being shown in the committee room at Sussex this season had borne little fruit on the field. One outstanding victory can transform morale, however, and they would dearly have loved

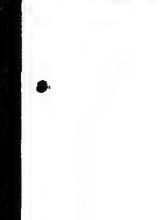
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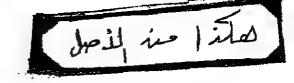
Instead, they must trek north to play Derbyshire, a county whose troubles are to have another airing at Lord's today when Kim Barnett, their former captain, appeals against a fine imposed by the club for commenting on local radio about the piqued departure of his successor, Dean

Considering the degree of disunity within the club, it was manful effort to crush Northamptonshire as they did on Wednesday. It was, however, one of Devon Malcolm's green-light days and there is no guarantee that he will be in similar mood on July 29.

Cardiff will stage the most attractive tie of the round, the championship leaders, Gla-morgan, against the frustratingly-talented Yorkshire, while Middlesex and Warwickshire, both of whom made hard work of beating inferior opposition on Wed-







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Britain urged to cancel arms sales to Jakarta

ROBIN COOK met the first test of his new "moral" foreign policy last night when he faced demands from the East Timor leadership that Britain cancel all current agreements to sup-ply arms to Indonesia and freeze further contracts for up to five years.

Facing the Foreign Secretary across the negotiating table was the co-winner of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize, Jose Ramos-Horta, who travels the world demanding the withdrawal of Indonesia's occupying force from East Timor.

He wants cancellation of delivery of any further British Aerospace Hawk jet fightertrainers and renunciation of the contracts under which they have been purchased. British firms supply the Indonesian military with a vast range of equipment from helmets to armoured personnel carriers to radar and software.

After meeting Mr Cook, Mr Ramos-Horta said he had won ports to Indonesia would be stopped if there was evidence of their use for internal repression. Mr Cook said they had had a good discussion.

The Government is reviewing arms sales policy and expects to be able to announce its conclusions by the end of the month. Until then, the Foreign Office declines to speculate on what it might contain but it is difficult to see how current private sector contracts could be renounced without retaliatory legal action. It is understood that the jets whose delivery had been



Ramos-Horta: test for Labour's moral policy

list of feasible and impracticable measures from which the final selection will be made.

"I believe his arms policy review will meet our expectations," said Mr Ramos-Horta of Mr Cook, whom he met several times before Labour should not single out Indonesia, but we do need a code of conduct which Britain can lead the European Union to adopt in line with the recommendations of the Nobel Laureates Commission."

In America - under foreign military sales agreements which are normally governington can delay or withhold delivery under the guise of national security concerns. Jakarta has recently refused to embargoed because of Congressional concerns about Indonesia's rights record.

Mr Ramos-Horta had already reaped the benefit of the Labour Government's new stance, persuading Clare Short to channel all government aid for the territory direct to the recipients, rather than through Jakarta, at a meeting earlier in the week. He hopes that Britain will persuade its EU partners to change tack on both arms and aid in line with the United Nations stance under its Secretary-General, Kofi Annan.

Mr Ramos-Horta's meeting with Mr Cook comes against the background of a strengthened Indonesian military presence in East Timor and what is believed to be growing "East Timor fatigue" among Indonesian government officials. Most agree, however, that there will be no change in policy so long as President

Mr Ramos-Horta senses a sympathetic mood in the US State Department and says the British Government is on the verge of a new era of world influence with its stance on

"Britain is the only country that can play a pivotal role in advancing a new moral and ethical approach in the Security Council," he said.

So convinced is he of the British potential that he will soon establish a new Nobel Laureates' Commission office in London with a \$1 million



A recent picture of David Alex, the Timorese guerrilla leader. There were protests at the way he was brutally handled by Indonesian forces after his arrest

Top war crime suspects to tighten security

Force (Sfor) raised the inevitable question: who is next on-

by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, now as human shields, including Milan Kovacevic Nineteen Serbs were after his arrest in Prijedor charged with atrochies at the

Until the dramatic operation in Prijedor, only nine of those indicted were in custody in The Hague. With the arrival of Mr Kovacevic on a plane from Bosnia, there will now be ten. Another has died of illness since being arrested.

Since the mandate for the Sfor troops has not changed, there will still be no direct search for those indicted for war crimes. Under the Dayton peace accord rules, troops are allowed to detain those on the list if they come across them in

After yesterday's arrest and shooting, the best known on the list will be even more cautious about their personal security, although some have been openly flaunting their freedom. One of the alleged war criminal lives in a house in Banja Luka, not far from the British Sfor headquarters.

Radovan Karadzic would be the most difficult to arrest because he is aware of the risks he faces and never travels: anywhere without a substantial armed bodyguard. He lives in Pale and has, until now, avoided Sfor checkpoints: A new bodyguard was yesterday outside his home in Pale, the former ski resort above Sarajevo that is his power base. At least 20 policemen were maining the barrier at the entrance of Dr Karadzic's drive. Several wore, bulletproof flak jackets and carried automatic weapons.

"Who told you he's in?" one asked angrily. "He's not here."
At the former engine factory which is now the Republika Srpska's civil service, soldiers on the gate said they also had track in the nearby forest. He and General Ratko Mladic, the former Serb Army com-

THE first snatch operation mander who lives at Hans Pijesak, the Bosnian Serb against war crime suspects by Pijesak, the Bosnian Serb the Nato-led Stabilisation military command centre, are charged with genoride for the slaughter of up to 6,000 Muslim civilians in Srebrenica. There are 76 people indicted They are also accused over the siege of Sarajevo and using United Nations peacekeepers

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Omarska concentration camp near Prijedor, including Zeliko Meakic, the camp commander who is indicted on

charges of genocide.

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Radič, Veselin Sljivancanin and Slavko Dokmanovic, four Yugoslav Army (JNA) officers, have been indicted on charges of killing 261, non-Serbs. rounded up at the hospital in Vukovar, Croatia. Mr Dok-manovic was arrested and brought to The Hague

recently.
Another high-profile war crime suspect who has been indicted and will now be more wary of Sfor patrols is Milan Martic, the former rebel Serb leader in Krajina, who has been charged with ordering cluster bomb attacks on Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. which killed at least seven civilians.

So far, the only successful prosecution has been against Dusan "Dusko" Tadic, who was convicted of crimes against humanity against Muslims and Croats at the Omarska camp. He was arrested in Germany and transferred to the tribunal in April 1995. He is awaiting



Tadic was convicted of crimes against humanity

Americans gave Indonesia the green light to seize territory



messy civil war in East Timor in the wake of the Portuguese withdrawal to move in and annex the territory (David Watts writes).

With American power on the verge of being expelled from Vietnam, and Indonesia only 10 years on from what communist coup, the United States and Britain were in no mood to countenance a new and potentially unstable south-east Asian state.

green light for the operation. A large army and naval force moved into what was a backward territory which Lis-bon had done little to advance in almost 500 years of colonialism.

The Indonesian Army crushed all opposition, later annexing the territorecognised by the United Nations. A small insurgent group of the tough and largely Catholic East Timorese never yielded to their occupiers

Henry Kissinger gave Jakarta the despite massive Indonesian investment in what Jakarta terms a province. Jakarta's extensive efforts at trying to win the population over and massive transmigration of ethnic Javanese to try and change the balance of the population have not had the

> accepting the Nobel Prize with José Ramos-Hortz said that about 200,000 of the pre-war population of 700,000

had died from war and starvation. Continuing brutality against the popu-lation of East Timor brings the problem back into the world's headlines regularly. Recently the capture of David Alex, a Timor resistance leader. and his brutal bandling by the indonesian military, has again brought negative publicity for the Jakarta Government

There are indications that Indonesia has moved fresh reinforcements

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Top war crip the times friday fully it 1997 Suspects to Bosnia snatch ends in storm of SAS fire tighten compared to the same of the same

fatal mistake of shooting at the advancing soldiers

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEPENCE CORRESPONDENT

OPERATION Tango, involving a platoon of between 20 and 30 SAS soldiers backed by American helicopters, began at 9.15am. The troops were guaranteed the one ingredient they needed, surprise.

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Neither of the two Serb targets was aware he had been indicted secretly as a war criminal and both were going about their normal business. They had no reason to suspect an operation against them because, since the arrival of the Nato-led Stabilisation Force (Sfor) last year, they had lived openly in Prijedor and had never been detained by the multinational soldiers. Milan Kovacevic, director of

the Prijedor Hospital and former mayor, went to work as usual, and Simo Drijaca. formerly the town's police chief, was on his way to a fish restaurant situated in the town's outskirts.

Their movements had been watched ever since Sfor was told by the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague that the two men had

cently passed the "sealed indictment" to the Sior headquarters in Saraievo.

The arrest of the two men became the responsibility of the British Sfor troops because they were living in the south-west section of the peacekeeping mission which is commanded by Major-General Angus Ramsay

It was a job for the SAS, which has been operating in Bosnia-Herzegovina in some strength, probably up to 100 troops during the most tense periods. The role of the men is to run long-range reconnais-sance missions, gathering intelligence for the Sfor commanders. They are known euphemistically as joint commission clicers.

They are more heavily armed than other troops, but for yesterday's operation they were dressed like any other peacekeeping soldiers: combat dress with the Sfor insignia.

The platoun split into two one to arrest the hospital director, the other to grab the former police chief. The Americans provided logis-



A British Nato soldier guards self-propelled howitzers yesterday near Prijedor, site of the SAS operation. The troops were guaranteed surprise, the one ingredient they needed

ne back-up with Black Hawk helicopters.

Operation Tango was completed by 9.30am. The first went ahead planned without incident. Mr Kovacevic, alleged to have been responsible for the delivery of prisoners to the Omarska concentration camp near Prijedor, was unarmed and went quietly when the SAS men challenged him at

However, Mr Drljaca, his

camps were beaten and tor-

tured. There was one grue-

some report that two Muslim

prisoners were forced to bite

During the "ethnic cleasing" and genocide of

Muslims and Croats in and

around Prijedor, Simo Drijaca, the Serb shot dead

by SAS soldiers yesterday.

was police chief. He boasted

of how he led Serb paramili-

tary gangs who drove local

Croats and Muslims from

their homes at gunpoint in a

each other's genitals.

was to be a fatal move. Accustomed to carrying a firearm wherever he goes, he was about to enter the restaumorning coffee when the small group of SAS men

round. When he saw the approaching soldiers and the hovering helicopters, he grabbed his pistol and fired. A single bullet hit one of the SAS men in the leg. although it proved to be only a minor

SAS soldiers challenge Bosnian Serb Simo Drijaca outside fish restaurant

The response was instant. The SAS are trained to operate with extreme aggression and the gunfire from the former Serb police chief was answered with a fusillade of shots from 9mm Browning automatic pistols. He died

SAS return fire, killing Drijaca immediately

had lasted 15 minutes. One of the targets lay dead, the other was handed over to the criminal tribunal authorities and was soon on a plane to The Netherlands to stand trial for

Zones of control

Action boosts Clinton policy

FROM BRONNEN MADDOY 15 WASHINGTON

NATO's sudden strike against two alleged Bosnian war criminals was greeted with relief by the White House yesterday. coming after months of frustration in which the United States urged its allies to arrest those responsible for atrocities.

American troops were not directly involved in the move, which marks a step up in aggression by the peacekeeping forces, Sandy Berger, the National Security Adviser, said yesterday.

The Pentagon refused to comment on whether the US would now put pressure on Nato to hunt down those accused of the most serious crimes: Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Miadic.

Yesterday's move eases the Clinton Administration's tortuous attempt to sell hostile Congress, by suggesting that Nato may finally make some progress towards creating the stability which would allow American troops to withdraw. Recent hints by President Clinton and

Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, that US troops might have to remain in Bosnia beyond the stated withdrawal date of next June have been greeted with fury by members of both parties. The hints, such as Mr Clinton's remark that "America will not disappear in a year", were prompted by the slow progress towards the Dayton peace accords, in particular the arrest of war criminals.

But Congress is opposed to any steps that might put American troops more at risk, even if they advance the cause of peace. The House of Representatives voted last month to enforce the June 1998 pullout date, although the decision may have only symbolic value as the Senate is

debate highlighted the strength of feeling. Dana Rohrabacher, a California Republican, asked: "Whose nutty idea is this to send Americans into the meat grinder called the Balkans?"

unlikely to enforce that line. But the

Yesterday's announcement suggests that after months of ducking the issue of war criminals. Nato forces are prepared to act. But unless followed by the arrest of more senior figures, it may not buy Mr Clinton more support.

The Bosnian question could also jeopardise Mr Clinton's efforts to win congressional support for Nato's eastward expansion. This week's Madrid summit fanned opposition to it. Critics cite the extra cost and risk to troops' lives. The 20 outspoken Senate critics of Nato expansion hope to use any extension of the Bosnia pullout deadline to argue that troops could be dragged into neverending commitments.

Man behind Serb reign of terror former tile factory, reported Prijedor to the detention

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE "ethnic cleansing" op-eration by Bosnian Serbs against Muslim and Croat inhabitants in the northwest town of Prijedor between April 29 and December 31 1992 gave warning to the peacekeeping forces, then under the command of the United Nations, of the savagery that was to be characteristic of the four-year war.

Prijedor today has hardly thanged since the Serb war-folds and their heavily. armed soldiers burn the raped the women and distriction but the detenceless population. Hundreds, possibly at Serb-run detention camps near Prijedor, the most notorious of which was the Omarska camp. Many of the houses are

still burnt-out shells and the only improvement in the daily lives of those still living there, 98 per cent of whom are Serbs, is that the shops are better stocked. The "ethnic cleansing" in

Prijedor became synonymous with the pictures of starvation and brutality that were presented to the world from behind the barbed-wire fencing at Omarska, a former iron ore plant.

One survivor from another camp called Keraterm, a that up to 160 men had been shot dead after being compelled to sing Serbian nationalist songs.
Those who were not driven

out of Prijedor applied in their thousands to leave the town for safer areas. Most of the Muslim families who survived sought sanctuary in Sanski Most, about 40 miles away. The Serbs who lived in Sanski Most swapped their houses for homes in Prijedor. Today, Prijedor is the second biggest town in Republika Sroska and Sanski Most is in Mushim-Croat Fed-

The Muslims and Croats were taken from

reign of terror. He was also involved in setting up the detention camps in the Prijedor area, including its policy of commitment to Bosnia to a

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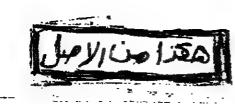
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Pressure grows on Moi with threat of strike

KENYA'S Opposition yesterthe past two years by a day vowed to step up the President who, analysts say, is pressure on President Moi wary of Dr Leakey's populari-ty and the widespread belief with a general strike later this month and a national day of that Safina might be able to mourning for 14 people killed unite a badly split Opposition in demonstrations this week. Richard Leakey, the secre-tary-general of the Safina parinto a front to depose the ruling Kenya African National Union.

ty, said he expected a "mass, mass turnout" in Nairobi's Uhuru Park at a church service for the victims of clashes between police and pro-reform demonstrators. Among the reforms being

demanded is the right to free assembly. This week's gatherings, which defied a ban on unlicensed meetings, were savagely broken up by Ke-nyan police, who were internationally condemned for their brutality. But Dr Leakey said he expected the Government to allow the church service to go ahead.

The momentum is most certainly being maintained." said the conservationist turned political activist.

Perceiving Dr Leakey's pary as a major electoral threat. Mr Moi has refused to register Safina, which means it cannot take part in Kenyan politics. The refusal has been bitterly criticised by the British and American Governments.

Demands that Salina should be allowed to be regis-

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tered have been ignored for most of its foreign exchange coast and game parks. About 40,000 Britons travel to the former British colony each year, but the number is likely to drop dramatically in the next few months. Or Leakey said that many

Yesterday riot police were withdrawn from Nairobi's street corners, where they had been battling students since Monday. But the return to calm came too late for tour operators, who said they had experienced "enormous numbers of cancellations" because of the unrest. Kenya earns

Leakey: rabble will take

over if reason ignored

airwaves and other reforms. "We will try to have the 14 coffins of those killed this week in Uhuru Park, and then we can explain how the dead became martyrs. There is no chance that we are going to ease off on the pressure."

pposition leaders, including

Il MPs who were teargassed and beaten when police invad-

ed Nairobi's All Saint's Cathe-

dral, were "very afraid" of

government attempts to si-

lence them. But he vowed to

continue his fight for registra-

tion, the freeing of Kenya's

He offered Kenya's President an olive branch by suggesting that, if Mr Moi agreed to a national constituent assembly that would draft a new constitution for the country, many opposition figures would agree to extend the presidential term beyond the end of this year. "If the voice of sensible leadership is not allowed to be heard, the rabble will take over," he said.

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Japanese rescue workers dig through debris for missing villagers in Harihara yesterday after the landslide

Japanese landslide kills 19 villagers

swept over this southern Japanese village as residents were asleep yesterday, killing 19 people after a mountainside. loosened by recent earthquakes, col-

lapsed during torrential rain.
Two residents of Harihara, where orange-growing is a key activity, were missing and 15 were in hospital after a landslide just after midnight buried homes roof-high in mud, rocks and trees. Kagoshima prefecture on southern Kyu-shu island, 600 miles southwest of Tokyo. But fears of another landslide curtailed the operation. "I've never seen such a disaster," said Tatsuro Suga, the Gover-nor of Kagoshima, at the place where the village had stood.

Haribara was buried under an estimated 260,000 cubic yards of debris, a volume that rescue workers said would fill 16,000 large trucks. Triggered by four

days of heavy rain, the side of a hill overlooking the village crumbled and sank into the narrow Haribara River. "I heard the ground roor and looked outside the door," said one housewife, now in hospital. "Then I realised that my neighbour's house was not there. I was

Beijing: Persistent rains have kept floodwaters high in southern China, causing at least 56 deaths and damage estimated at more than £130 million. (AP)

> The Jerusalem Post report ed: "Although men and women are to sit separately,

> there is to be no physicial division between them. In

addition, no passenger is to be forced to enter through the

A furious reaction came

from Rachel Benziman, legal adviser to the Israel Women's

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FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL, pioneer of respect for

women's rights in a region

where they are often ignored, announced plans yesterday for sexually segregated buses in ultra-Orthodox districts of

Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv

The decision infuriated

many secular Israelis who

ple of the liberal Israeli way of life being eroded by politicians

from the religious parties, who

now hold 23 seats in the 120-

seat Knesset and whom many Jewish leftwingers brand as

The system whereby women

will enter and sit in the rear of

the buses - the main form of

public transport in Israel -

was recommended by a com-

mittee appointed by Yitzhak

Levy, Transport Minister and

a member of the National

Religious Party which com-

mands a critical nine seats in

the ruling coalition of Binyamin Netanyaho.

suburb of Bnei Brak.

'avatollahs".

Kim 'plots blitzkrieg on Seoul'

Seoul: A Pyongyang defector claimed yesterday that Kim Jong II the North Korean leader, had rejected reform in his hunger-stricken nation and was plotting a lightning war against the South as his

Hwang Jang Yop, a Com-munist theorist before fleeing to Beijing in February, conceded he had no proof for an earlier claim that the North could launch a nuclear attack, but said: "The North's war preparation is beyond imagination. In the meantime, the World

Food Programme, a United Nations agency, was intensifying its efforts to save tens of thousands of North Korean children from starvation by launching a new appeal for \$46 million (£27 million) in food aid. (Reuter)

Volcano isle aid

London: Britain promised another £6.9 million in emergency aid for the residents of Montserrat, living in the shad-ow of an erupting volcano. while the Government consid ers easing restrictions on their entry to Britain (Glen Owen writes). About £6.5 million is being earmarked for an emergency shelter to house residents, with a further £450,000 intended for the temporary hospital on the island.

HIV jailing

Helsinki: Steven Thomas, 36, a rap singer from New York who is HIV-positive was iailed here for 14 years for knowingly spreading the virus unprotected sex with 17 women in Finland while knowing he was an HIV carrier. Each of the five who became injected was awarded £34,000 damages. (AFP)

Sikh arrested

New York: Police have arrested a man known as the "Sikh Godfather", charging him with fraud, extection and the murders of several Indian iinmigrants (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Gurmeet Singh Dhinsa, 35, who arrived now owns 51 petrol stations and a waterfront mansion in Brooklyn.

Pet obsession

New York: A woman who pierced the ears of her pet lawn, making it wear crossshaped earnings, was charged with crocity by police in Virginia (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Ed Clark, president of the Virginia Wildlife Centre, described the ear-piercing as the absolute worst kind of human interaction

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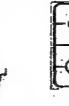
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planners expected. It could take years to derive meaning from the information being returned to Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The latest image shows a a 1,200ft peak 20 miles away haziness of the Martian atmosphere.

Also photographed is a long, low crater rim a few miles from the rover that may offer clues to what happens when an asteroid hits Mars. There's a lot we can do at a distance," said Peter Smith. who

Shell cleaning up act for Ogoniland return

LESS than two years after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the human rights activist, and eight fellow campaigners, Shell is preparing a return to the oil-rich enclave of Ogoniland in southern Nigeria. The world's largest oil company says that if everything goes according to plan, it could be back in Ogoniland by the turn of the century. "We're working on healing

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the wounds," said Victor Dania, a Shell spokesman, in the oil city of Port Harcourt. The Anglo-Dutch oil giant withdrew from Ogoniland in 1993 after attacks on staff and damage to equipment. The campaign against Shell was led by Saro-Wiwa, who claimed Shell polluted the environment and connived with the Nigerian Government to deprive the Ogonis of oil wealth which should have

Saro-Wiwa and eight others were hanged in November 1995 after what was widely regarded as a show trial. Nigeria was suspended from the Commonwealth and diplo-

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matic sanctions were imposed on the military regime. As a result of continuing rights abuses, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has said Nigeris should not be readmitted to the Commonwealth.

Shell, which was accused of not having done enough to save Saro-Wiwa, admits it handled the affair badly. "We did as much as we could have for the Ogoni Nine," Mr Dania said, "But we should have been more active in telling the world about our point of view.

on community and environmental projects this year. Though Ogoniland accounted for only 3 per cent of Nigeria's total oil production, the enclave is still considered by Shell to be sufficiently rich in high-grade crude to justify a return. Shell's daily produc-

clean up oil spills in the area

and to increase its assistance

to the inhabitants. It is plan-

ning to spend nearly £500,000

tion of nearly a million barrels of oil in Nigeria is worth 5500,000 to the company.

Torture video viewed

TONY LLOYD, a Foreign Office junior minister, and seven Commonwealth ministers yesterday watched a hor-rific video of Ogoni people being beaten up by police and soldiers on orders from the eral Sani Abacha of Nigeria (writes Michael Binyon, Dipometic Editort

also showed torture victims and incidents of government bribery and corruption. It was part of a submission to the eight-man Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group, which began hearings into the Nigerian Government Mr Lloyd is expected to urge Nigeria's continued suspension from the Commonwealth

reopened negotiations with Ogoni representatives, among them members of the Move ment for Survival of the Ogoni People (Mosop) founded by Saro-Wiwa in 1990. But a spokesman for Mosop, which has been banned by the Nige-

there had been any contacts. "Shell is indirectly supporting a military clampdown in Ogoniland," he said. "We will only talk if the marginalisation of the Ogoni people and their problems are

The 400-square-mile Ogoniland enclave (about the size of the Isle of Wight) is patrolled by a military task force and people speak of continual "We're afraid to talk open-

ly." an Ogoni chief said during a clandestine visit to the area. You can't mention the name of Ken. If you did, it would be

The chief said an oil spill in 1994 had polluted his village's water but that Shell had neither offered to clean it up nor to pay compensation.



100mph Japanese pitcher Hideki Irabu in action

Yankees fans flock to see Osaka Ox torment the Tigers

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THOUSANDS of New Yorkers flocked to the Yankee night to pay homage to their newest cult hero, a Japanese baseball player called Hideki

Irabu, a pitcher, was making his Major League debut for the New York Yankees and there can hardly have been a more hyped first appearance. Before arriving in New York, Irabu had never played haseball outside Japan, where standards are considerably lower than those in America, Yet so vast is his talent that George Steinbrenner, the iraswas determined to get him at any price. He got him, in fact,

standards. Irabu, it transpired, had always dreamed of playing for the Yankees. When his Japanese team, the Chiba Lotte Marines, traded him to the San Diego Padres against his will earlier this year, he went on strike. "I play for the Yankees or I play for no one."

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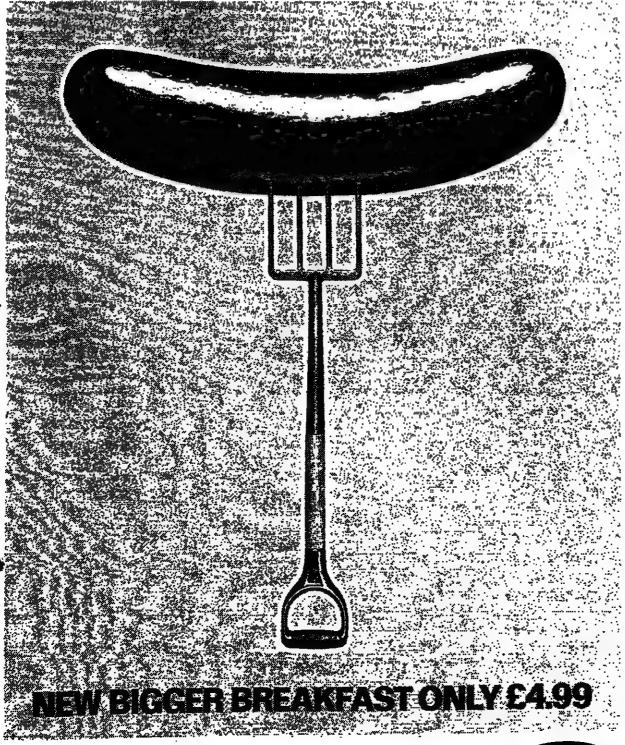
not astronomical by baseball

pitcher in the world, and some of his deliveries have been recorded at 100mph. His thick neck and barrel chest have led people here to call him the "Osaka Ox". Recently, when told of the nickname, Irabu broke into a broad smile o

Although Irabu speaks no English he has had little trouble so far in communicate ing with his new team-mates He has developed a special rapport with Joe Girardi, the Yankees' catcher (akin to a vicket-keeper in cricket), who is his biggest admirer on the

Irabu, however, is treading thorny path. Scarcely any Japanese players have made the daunting transition to Major League, although Hideo Nomo, a pitcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers, has been an outstanding success.

There is no doubt, though that the Osaka Ox has electrified the Big Apple. As he hurled his "curve-ball" yester-day at batters from the Detroit Tigers - and bowed courteously to applause - the stadichant: "I-ra-bu, I-ra-bu".



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'All my keepers are here poachers will have a field day'

Jane Shilling among the sturdy backwoodsmen who braved London

say, has anyone been to Lancashire?" "No. simply can't find it anywhere. I was just off to Gloucestershire, are you coming?" "Darling, darling, God, I haven't seen you since we were in short knickers."
Tantivy, tantivy, "How marvellous, this really is a class-

less affair, isn't it?" Mmm. yes and no. It is fair to say that if a bomb had fallen on Hyde Park yesterday, the country's entire gene pool of blue eyes, fair hair and good English complexions would have been wiped out. Clustered beneath balloons ancient shires of England, the backwoodsmen and their

wives, splendid in sensible skirts, their fingers loaded with filthy diamond rings, had gathered in alarming force. "Most of you," intoned the well bred voice from the main

stage, "will never before have attended a demonstration. For some, it will your first ever visit to London." Now that was certainly true. Gazing at the acres of Hyde Park, most uncharacteristically covered in shooting sticks and picnic blankets and stout chaps wearing venerable hats decorated with bits of fur and ture, you realised that all these people were far too busy attending point-to-points deep



in the crevices of rural England even to contemplate negotiating the exhaust-choked thoroughiares of London. Unless it was a matter of life and death. Which, of course, it was. Mainly death.

The Countryside Raily. I Was There, 10th July 1997, claimed the little badge we were each given at the en-

trance. Below it, there was a tiny, tasteful illustration of the various elegant ways in which the denizens of the countryside put an end to the lives of their fellow-occupants of field and stream and spinney and hedgerow - a huntsman and hounds; an angler; a falconer; a silhouetted figure with shotgun and labby... No pictures, curiously enough, of furtive figures with spade, sack and struggling badger, or four-wheel-drive vehicle groaning with out-of-season corpses though those country pursuits that lie nearer to the heart of Eddie Grundy than Mr Facey forefront of some minds.

'Have you seen what can happen to a cat when it is thrown to the hounds?

me." said one anxious landowner. "Big mistake. Bloody poachers will have a field

issued an ominous warning to the Prime Minister - "You will find yourself presiding over a Disunited Kingdom" of the dire consequences that Englishman's sacred right to slaughter anything that takes

his fancy (so long as it is in season, to be sure), it was impossible to repress the thought, looking around, that he already is. Middle-class, luvvies rather than lurchers. chianti rather than ancient claret, a man whose spirit reaches out more naturally to bury than the invigorating

been as horridly out of place in this galere as poor Jeremy. Irons discovered himself to be. His opening gambit. Two months ago, to the great relief of many of us, the Labour Party was elected with a massive majority", was greet wise shown itself workierfully disposed to cheer - even raising a loud Hip Hooray for a not wholly inspiring ditty in praise of Country Sports There are country sports of all sorts to fill our leisure days/

people who work on it (as Lady Redesdate once put it: "I know lots of the working classes. and they are all perfectly sweet, this was no place for the squeamish sensibilities of metropolitan in-betweens. thrown to the hounds?7 she demanded crossly of my comparion, a serial and unrepenagt siag-murderer. A startling manifestation of all the considerable charm at

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Shopping for pleasure, not duty

can see only one reason why passengers are urged to arrive hours, if not days, before their holiday flight departs - to ensure that they have ample time to squander money in the duty-free arcades.

In the brave new world of airport shopping a delayed take off is a source of delight: a flight postponed, a shopping opportunity gained. The scope of duty-free purchases is simply too varied to waste time dozing in uncomfortable seats - instead we rush off to buy a Glenfiddich baseball cap or a table-top camera tripod we never realised we needed until we saw it in

the departure lounge.
There can be few Britons who are not now in possession of the smart violet and green BAA Bonus Points card, which enables the duty-free shopper to collect "valuable points" for everything from tax-free shopping to car rental.

Duty-free has moved on from the 200
Shuyvesants and a litre of Scotch era and, as with everything, there are smart and not so smart ways to treat

the duty-free shopping experience. Despite what the Tatler says, middle age still exists. I know because I have seen it wearing socks and sandals, shopping carefully at duty-free liquor and tobacco shops. The classic middleaged duty-free purchase is a pouch of pipe tobacco and a large bottle of cheap gin (to keep bar expenses in check at the Hotel Costa).

Keen students of tax-free shopping mores have also learnt to identify the nouveau executive traveller. So intoxicated is the modern middle manager by the luxury of Club Class travel, not to say the complimentary beers in the Club Class lounge, that he is moved to sample a bit of the high life for himself. He duly purchases a small tin of Sevruga caviare, mainly so he can

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ostentatiously stow the distinctive carrier in the overhead locker.

Perfume is another cunning trap for the business traveller. Arriving at the airport after a three-day marketing trip he realises he has not bought his wife anything and spends five hectic minutes dazzled by a polychromatic array of fragrances, before purchasing the obligatory Chanel No 5. But these are the unenlightened

duty-free shoppers: people who have not yet realised that the entire point of travel is to sample other duty-free cultures. Forget exotic tea ceremonies, plains of thundering wildebeest, the gilded roofs of Far Eastern temples or the sights and sounds of far-flung

discounted luxury brands. Among my most treasured travel memories are "designer" cigarettes, including the Trussardi lags I once saw at a duty-free shop on the Slovenian border. Then there were the demijohns of Martell I spied at a duty-free shop in

the Far East, big enough to have

bazaars: these are widely available on BBC2 Instead luxuriate in a world of

Cabin luggage restrictions.

The Far Eastern duty-free shop is also the locus classicus of brands of

Seotch sorted in such exotic vessels as porcelain golf balls. When it comes to duty-free spirits there is a tip for Tory backbeachers who wish to impress prominent members of the Far Eastern irms purchasing community bypass the bottle of cask-strength Glenthrutock 72-year-old single malt and head straight for the super premium blends. Johnny Walker Blue Label and Chivas Regal Royal Salute may seem expensive, but be assured there is nothing your average warlord likes more than a tumbler of Blue Label before signing a lucrative order.

owever, the duty-free world is bathos. Having heard much about the splendours of Dubai dury not without its moments of free I experienced only disappoint-ment when I descended into this subterranean mall. I did, of course, purchase a few gold knick-knacks, sold by weight, but even the fabled prize draw for a motor car seemed lacklustre and only found favour with a bunch of corpulent German dentists.

However, occasional anticlimax has to be put in perspective. The world can offer few more perfect moments than the unexpected pleasure of coming across just the right ashtray in the delightful Hermes shop at Nice airport; or the thrill of finding a box of Cohiba Robustos in the excellent humidor at Geneva.

In an increasingly hectic world there can be few more happy combinations than a delayed flight, a well stocked tax-free shop and a long line of credit.

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'It felt like living in a museum'

t will be two years in October since Harry Percy, the 11th Duke of Northumberland and godson of the Queen, was found dead in his private apartment at Syon House, Isleworth, from an overdose of antphetamines. A playboy and dilettante, he was the opposite of Ralph, his more introspective younger brother.

Ralph is the present duke, and the transition to that status was. one feels, shattering. He and his wife Jane are a reticent couple. enjoying the remoteness of Alnwick Castle, the ancestral seat set in 90,000 acres of rugged countryside in Northumberland Inheriting one of the finest estates in Britain under such traumatic circumstances was a "bewildering experience", the duchess admits.

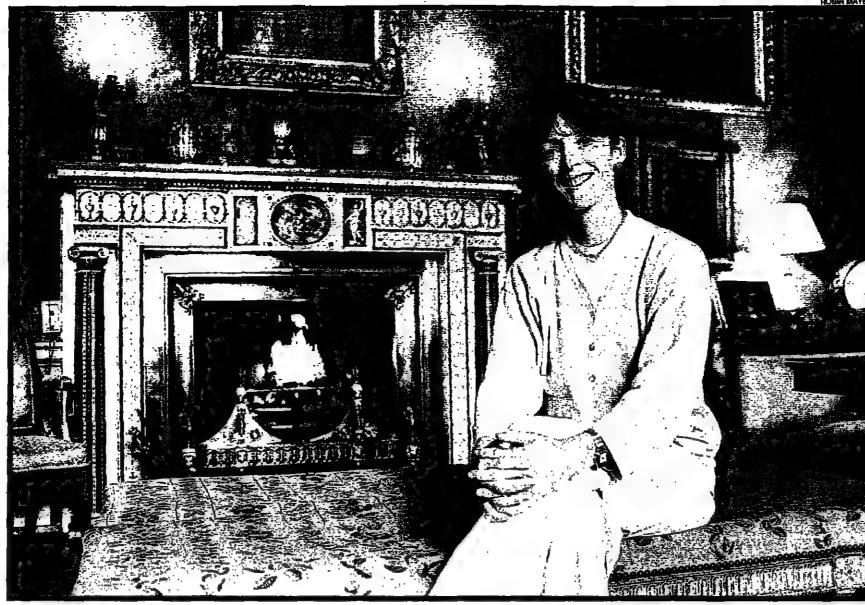
Suffering from depression and ill-health, the late duke - 42 when he died - had lived a precarious life, drawing on his extravagant personal wealth to indulge a fascination with film and Hollywood. A keen partygoer, he played Europe's celebrity circuit; his girlfriends included the Nicaraguan actress and former Bond girl Barbara Carrera, and Valerie Campbell, mother of the troubled supermodel Naomi. Despite the excesses of his lifestyle, his family was unprepared for his death.

"My brother-in-law was terribly miserable most of the time," says Jane. It is unseasonably wet and she huddles next to an open fire in the drawing room of Syon House. 'He had been ill for more than 20 years [he was thought to have had ME but his illness was not lifethreatening. So his death came out of the blue. He just took too many pills. My husband never expected to inherit the title, although we thought our eidest son, George, might one day."

The prospect frightened George. "He would come home from school and say children were ribbing him about Harry," she says. "He'd say: 'I never, never want to be a duke'. I'd say: 'Don't worry. Uncle Harry is going to live into his eightles and will have children late in life."

Then when Harry died, George was awfully upset. He couldn't bear the thought of inheriting the title. So I said: This changes nothing. I want you to work hard at your studies and have a normal family life. But really it was a terrible shock for us all, and very

difficult." The duchess says her husband was close to his brother, even though they were utterly different. Harry lived in London while his brother enjoyed country pursuits and ran the family firm. Northumberland Estates. "They were good friends. Harry had a strong sense of duty; he cared about Alnwick. He appreciated having Raiph, a much quieter countryman, to look When her brother-in-law died, Jane Percy became a reluctant duchess. But she has now found a new role by recreating the lost world of the English garden at Alnwick Castle



The Duchess of Northumberland: finding a worthwhile role in the recreation at Alnwick Castle of an old English garden with pavilion and water features

Jason Cowley

the Percys, whose ancestors in-

clude Harry Piercy the Hotspur of

Shakespeare's Henry IV. "There

parents were going through a

nasty divorce at the time and they

were preoccupied with their own

after the estate — to do. I think. what he always wanted to do himself. He had acute depression. One week he was fine, the next he was feeling awful. This led to a real conflict in him

Her voice trails away; she pours some coffee. Aged 39, Jane is delicate and fine-boned, dressed casually in a white T-shirt, V-neck sweater and trousers. In the grand drawing room, with its ornate furniture and imperious copies of masterpieces by Holbein and others, the relaxed informality of her dress seems incongruous. Ralph, patrician figure.

Northampton during their late aristocracy (her father was an teens. Both shy, and both uncomfortable with the frivolities of

society parties, the attraction was immediate. "We are both incredibly antisocial, and neither of us wanted to be at the party," Jane recalls. "We were avoiding things, standing in a room which was full of ice for the drinks. We chatted and then decided it would be quite nice not to be there. So he gave me a lift back to the place where I was staying. And that was it."

They continued seeing each other while living in Oxford. He was at university; she was attend-ing Hartwell House secretarial college. When they married, Jane Richard was 20 and Lord Ralph 21.

She is the first duchess in the family to come from outside the Edinburgh stockbroker), and the marriage, at first, was opposed by

problems. Raiph's mother and father thought we were too young, and that we weren't serious. But we were determined to get married, so we put an announcement in the paper.

Jane told her mother about the announcement the night before it was due to appear. "A mass panic followed. My father-in-law came round the next morning and tried to persuade us not to marry. He said to Ralph: 'Look, you're only 21. Is this wise? Where are you oing to live, what are you going to do? Raiph said: 'It doesn't matter. We are going to do it.' When they realised we were deadly serious,

After the death of Harry Percy, the Northumberlands moved into Alnwick Castle. But they expected to return to their Georgian farmhouse on the estate - where their two sons and two daughters felt most comfortable - after grappling with what the duchess calls 'the problems at the castle". In the event, those difficulties were greater than they imagined, and they were forced to stay on at the castle. The situation caused intense anxi-

ety. "For the first year it felt a bit like living in a museum." she says. "It reminded me of places I'd seen in Russia, places that were once filled with people, music and dogs but which were now desolate. "We were always a tight family unit and I wanted to be there for importance of discipline, hard work and responsibility." To ease

demanding way of life, the duch-ess was given responsibility for recreating the lost world of the great English garden at Alnwick. Jane surprised everyone, not least the duke, by the tenacity and diligence with which she tackled

The scale of her ambition is startling. There is nothing for which she has not planned. Responding to a suggestion from the Prince of Wales, patron of the project, she even had media coaching. She says: "When the project was launched, and we were having our picture taken, I said to Prince Charles: 'I hate doing this. hate it.' He turned round and told me to get professional advice on how to present myself and how to

answer tricky questions."
What did she learn? "Oh, that I should think before I speak. I know that I have something fantastic to sell and that I could blow it by saying just one stupid thing," she says. What she is selling is nothing less than the opportunity for sponsors to share in her vision for Alnwick.

he new garden will include a 12-acre contemporary plot. a pavilion and waterworks, in a Capability Brown setting, in the shadow of the medieval castle. There will be cascades, waterfalls. pools, and miniature canals.

Working with her are some of the world's most remarkable garden designers and architects. including Tadao Ando, the Japanese architect whose favourite medium is concrete and glass, and Louis Benech, who worked on the restoration of the Royal Gardens at the Tuileries in Paris. These experts do not come cheap: the estimated cost of the project is £10 million, of which the family is intending to contribute "about a

Surely, though, a family with an estimated fortune of £100 million ought to pay for the entire project

The duchess listens patiently but counters with: "People don't understand that you can't just take. say, a Canaletto off the wall and sell it. These pictures and this furniture are not ours to sell [they are held in trust] and £10 million is an awful lot of capital to find. The garden will be shared, too - with the people of Northumberland. It's

The duchess is not a reactionary. She is adapting to the role given her and is neither daunted by the burden of history, nor in thrall of the past. "What I plan is not simply a restoration but a complete recreation of a great English garden in a contemporary design. extraordinary at Alnwick, which admired by generations to come."

wheelchair, mouth open, jaw slack, staring vacantly at the white marble wall behind the judge — a stern, bald man with bushy

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grey brows. A parade of witnesses, some of the most ruthless killers in America, moves across the stained oak floor between them, detailing a career of shakedowns. kickbacks, drugs deals and murder.

Masticating soundlessly, the old man appears to hear none of it. He is Vincent "the Chin Gigante, capo di capo of the Genovese crime family. says the FBI. This frail old man with the blank eyes is alleged to be the boss of

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End of the road for the Oddfather

Vincent Gigante's trial in New York has put an end to the power of the old-style Godfathers, reports Barry Wigmore

fia, and this is the Mafia's last stand. Here, in Court Ten of the Brooklyn Federal Building, the Mob is going out not with a bang, but with a whimper. Gigante, 69, is the last Godfather.

The New York papers call him "the Oddfather". For 27 years Gigante has dodged

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bosses in the New York Ma- murder and racketeering charges by pretending to be crazy, say US prosecutors. The other kingpins — "Fat Tony" Salerno. Paul

Castellano and John Gotti are either dead or in prison. Only Gigante was untouchable. He shuffled around Greenwich Village in a dirty old dressing gown. talking to himself. When he knew FBI cameras were watching, which was often, he would

But was he crazy, or cunning? Gigante's rise through the Genovese family was the model for Al Pacino's character in The Godfather, Forty years ago the Costello family was on top and its head, Frank Costello, was boss of bosses. But Vito Genovese coveted his crown, and Genovese had a new young accomplice eager to rise through the

stop and urinate in the gutter.

On May 2, 1957, as Costello

walked into the lobby of his apartment building on Central Park West, a fat man in a black hat stepped This is Frank," he said, firing a gun. The bullet

Costello's

fled as the man in the hat by the apartment doorman. A warrant was issued for his arrest, but he had disappeared. By the time he turned himself in, months later. Gigante had lost

grazed

weight and the doorman had lost his memory. Meanwhile, seeing how vulnerable their boss was, Costello's underlings joined the Genoveses. Next day Costello retired and Gigante was a Genovese hero. In 1970 he was charged with



Gigante, arrested in his bathrobe

bribing the entire police force in the New Jersey town where he lived, to tip him off about FBI investigators. He beat the charge by pleading he suf-fered from a mental illness. He has been playing the fool ever since, say prose

was acting crazy but, at night, it is alleged, lantern jaw, reputed to be hard as concrete, for which he was famed in his early days as he was dashing around in a chaufa boxer from the Bronx. In the feured car master-Mafia his name was never minding Mob business. He read mentioned; when referring to him underlings just pointed to newspapers, chaired their chins — another reason Mafia meetings, and FBI eavesdroppers found it so difficult to nail him. counted money, say Task Force detectives These underlings have who made a career of trailing hìm. He also

Runyonesque names such as Benny Eggs, Salvatore "Sammanaged to keep a wife and a mistress my Bull" Gravano, and Big Pete Chiodo, who is in the happy, siring eight children by them. witness box. 'In their apartments 🕽 hiodo, 46, was a Mafia

he switched from the heavy in every sense of I the word. At 6ft 5in and grungy dressing gown to smart, clean bathweighing somewhere between 25 and 35 stone, he was a killer robes. But when an FBI agent entered the for the Lucchese crime family. He saw the light when the apartment to serve him with a subpoena. Mob tried to silence him, Gigante stood naked in the bath holding an umsuspecting he was about to rat on them.

brella over his head, mum-He, too, sits in a wheelchair, bling incoherently.

Now he is on trial accused t hanging down between his knees, quaffing vast quanof racketeering and ordering seven murders. A judge decid-ed last year that he was sane tities of water as he talks in a flat, dead, voice about murders he has committed. Gigante sits 20ft away, look

ing smart in blazer and Polo shirt that lawyers borrowed for him from his son, and with his hair greased back. Judge Jack Weinstein blew his stack and ordered him to smarten up after three days of way ward hair and stubble.

In the public gallery 15ft behind Gigante is his family - plain women wearing the brown and black of Italian peasants, and no jewellery. From the Fulton Fish Market to an annual charity festival in Little Italy, it is said the Mob raked in millions. No sign of it

No money. No power, No glory. Just an old man chewing the cud in a wheelchair as the Matia bows out.



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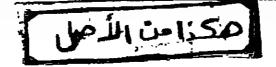
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Ulster is a crucial test of Blair's

rationalism, says John Lloyd

became Prime Minister, and they seem to have made him a happy man. He sees his problems as soluble. his challenges as attainable and his strategy as right.

in a major speech tomorrow, he will repeat and refine the ideas he set out in his election campaign — his desire to see a Britain which is modern by equipping the economy for the future and encouraging enterprise; fair in giving greater opportunities to all and in reducing inequalities: and strong in the Government's ability to take clear decisions and push them through. He is as convinced of his rectitude and the soundness of his instincts now as he

The suspicions which many on the Left harboured of him before the election have, in one respect at least, been confounded. He is no socialist but neither is he a chauvinist nor does he regard government as furthering religious belief. On the contrary, he is relentlessly modernist and modernising. It becomes clear that he sees Britain as a fine but dusty piece of furniture in bad need of cleans-

ing and repair. The "modern" part of Unionists his triptych of qualihave given ties is the first and. to him, the most him little important: the standard by which the for his other two, fairness and strength, are commitment tested. It is that

which leads him to lend his support to the proposed ban on foxhunting: his desire to appeal to Middle England has its limits, and his instinctive shrinking from the arcane blood-rituals of the shires seems to be one of these.

How does such a rational, modernising man approach the crisis which has blown up in Northern Ireland? In the first place, he is fully and passionately engaged. But it is with the passion of the rationalist who can do no more than appeal to the partisans in the trenches to rise above their ancient feuds — as he did at Question Time on Wednesday, "It is appalling," he said, "that intransigence on both sides obscures the fact that the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland want and deserve the chance of a lasting peace there. It could be done if people would understand that. If it is to be achieved, it requires their commitment all the way through."

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Mr Blair thinks that beneath the violence triggered by the Drumcree march last process waiting to be restarted: that Sinn Fein is so split on tactics and so clearly cynical that it lacks even a residual attraction to the Irish or US Governments and is increasingly out of step with the wishes of constitutional nationalists in the North and the South. He thinks Marjorie Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, is little short of heroic and that she will succeed in weathering this storm.

In his visit to Northern Ireland soon after taking office. Mr Blair gave a speech in which he pledged his fidelity to

mere 70 days have the Union —"I am a Unionist"
passed since Tony Blair
passed since Tony Blair
became Prime Minisunited Ireland deep into the second part of the next century. He wanted to show the Unionists that they were unamounting to paranoia, that the new Labour Government would sell the Union down the river was unfounded. At the on his good relationship with President Clinton to keep America in the sympathetic posture it had adopted since it became aware of the complexity of the situation in Northern reland last year.

Mr Blair has taken what he believes is a revolutionary posture on Northern Ireland: that of saying what he thinks and meaning it. He does believe in the Union. He does believe that the trouble is caused by a tiny minority of people in both the nationalist grudges and rituals are archaic and must be modernised, made transparent and democratic. He does think it possible to rise above the old haireds, the inexplicable marches and the savagely guarded memories to get peace. He has said so, and will

keep on saying so. areas of public life, cerned and remind them of their responsibility to sort it out — "It requires

Yet here is the curious thing. Mr Blair has said what he thinks on the Union and on the need for modernised politics in Ulster. Mowlam has yet followed it through. He has given to the Unionists a huge reward: his commitment to the Union. But they have done nothing equivalent for him, nor does he seem to have extracted a quid pro quo. He has not pushed David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, to commit himself to the steady creation of a non-sectarian Unionism on which the future of the Province as part of the UK depends - even though Mr Trimble would in most moods

t is almost as if the Prime Minister lets frankness be his banner and his policy. and disdains to do the deals which his display of frankness would entitle him to make. It is as if he were saying: "I have said what's what if others cannot see it, that is their loss."

like to see such a development.

Modern, fair and strong. It is the Prime Minister's vision of his Government, his country and himself. He is wholly engrossed in the task of giving the vision flesh. He retains, in these earliest days, his boyish looks and his boyish sense that openness, reason and good will prevail. And if he fails? Well, he fails - but so does everyone else. So far, he does not seem to entertain a suspicion that he will fail.

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Blooding, or His First Outing.

Seeing is deceiving

OU ARE THERE . . . " said the Daily Sketch of August photograph, "as Balaclava 40 thieves make their getaway from the Greatest Train Robbery of All Time. They sprint away from Jack Mill's stranded diesel with £2 million. Slewed across the road are the getaway lorry and cars. YOU ARE THERE ..."

with a reconstruction from the models in London's famous Gamages Store." Ah well. At least

The Sketch owned up. Last Sunday afternoon and for the village shop in Derbyshire. There is no mystery about this. That morning the latest pictures of the surface of Mars, taken as the little rover Sojourner left the Pathfinder spacecraft, had become available. You Street, but nothing sells newsprint like a good picture.

Silly, really. When I did see the pictures in Monday's Times, Mars looked much like the Algerian Sahara: if anything, rather less sci-fi than the surface of Lanzarote. But this was Mars. It really was. And the picture was worth a thousand words because it was the real thing.

Which brings us to the Rhodesia Herald. I cannot swear with hand on heart that what follows is true, but this was the story a fellow used to tell. before he died about ten years ago. His name was Eugene Wayson, and in the 1960s he worked as an editor on a daily newspaper in what was then called Southern Rhodesia.

I lived in Salisbury (now Harare) at the time and I think Mr Wayson worked at the Herald, although I cannot establish it for certain. He was, however, at the heim of a newspaper somewhere in Central Airica on the evening of July 18, 1965. The date is easy to fix because this

had been the day on which the first close-up pictures of Mars had been taken from Nasa's Mariner 4 space probe. The world was agog. Newspa-pers in Central Africa were lucky because time differences with the United States meant that the pictures, which were to be transmitted down the wires by Reuters, would with luck reach newspaper printing presses there just before the deadline for the next day's editions. Rhodesian readers would be among the first in the world to see the pictures.

Computers make media fakery easy. But where should we draw the line?

But the timing was tight. The Herald was printed on an oldfashioned hot-metal press and you needed to plan. Trusting that Reuters would deliver when promised, Wayson had the press for the rest of the front page made up, leaving a big hole in the middle for the picture. This could be added at the last moment, when it arrived.

It did not arrive. The minutes ticked by. The lorries were waiting to distribute the paper across Rhodesia's huge distances, through the night. The editor began to despair. Eugene Wayson was a huge man

was a struggle with aids. For long spells he would dine on little more than Ryvits, cheese and whisky. As deadlines approached

and passed, he sipped his whisky and contemplated sending out the paper with a big white space in the middle of the front page. He stared out into the African night and down at his Ryvita, lit from the side by the desk lamp. The biscuit's humps and hollows cast long shadows across its

craggy surface. An idea struck him. He called the duty photographer over. "Take a close-up of that Ryvita." he said to the incredulous employee, "and let's have a look at it."

And so it happened that the Rhodesia Herald got its scoop. The Reuters photographs did finally arrive, but they were not as convincing as the biscuit. Wayson claimed later that some South African newspapers with easier deadlines saw his front page and demanded to know why Reuters had given him a better picture than other editors received -

and whether they could borrow his. is the story true? We have ransacked the newspaper archive at Colindale in London and found microfilm copies of the Rhodesia Herald both for Ranger's Moon photographs in 1964 and for Mariner's Mars probe in 1965. Frankly, both are consistent with the Ryvita theory, while the Mars picture is consistent with any old biscuit you care to offer, or a piece of carpet. But I cannot be sure. Rather than libel the Herald, I had better offer the tale as a Fleet Street urban myth.

What can be asserted without hesitation, however, is that the cynicism the tale illustrates is alive and well in the news media. I offer two examples from my own experience.

In 1987 or 1988, when I was presenting LWT's Sunday morning current affairs programme Weekend World, we decided to make a documentary about the underclass. A film crew was dispatched to Liverpool and Manchester for heart-

rending pictures of wretched people in children. But as I was the

link between the dif-

ferent seguences of the programme, we needed footage of me in a wretched setting. We only

had an afternoon. It was too late to send me with a crew to the same sites in the provinces. We settled on a bomb site near the railway out of King's Cross, littered with old supermarket trolleys and mattresses. But we wanted to make it look like

the North, and a problem arose: all the best angles included rail track behind me, and suburban trains which were obviously of a London type kept rattling past. So I just kept parroting my links, over and over again, until the right coincidence with an InterCity train which could have been near Liverpool, rather than London, occurred. Legit? Just about, I judge, just on the borderline. To the acceptable side of that borderline is a very common broadcasting practice called audio "wildtrack". After recording, say, an interview in a garden, you record a further 30 seconds of tape without voices. This is in case silences need to be inserted when cutting the interview - silences which, with all their incidental background noises (birdsong, traffic noise) must sound real.

On the unacceptable side of the borderline I would place a practice I encountered last year when I had occasion to compare the treatment of the Dunblane massacre by two evening television news pro-grammes, one later than the other. In the first we saw pictures of friends and relatives outside the school, waiting for news. As the names of the dead came through, we heard a woman wail "no, no, no." Viewers could identify her in the crowd, distraught with grief as a temage bey tried clumsily to console her.

For the later news, an editor must have decided that this picture was too intrusive. He did not, however, want to waste the dramatic soundtrack. So although the picture broadcast was as before, of the waiting crowd, a new piece of footage in which no individusi looked so agitated had been-chosen. But against it was laid down the original soundtrack: "no, no, no".

What this programme-maker had done was, in effect, to use a bit of grief-stricken soundtrack as wildtrack, backing a different scene from that during which the cry had been uttered. I do not know why find this so utterly offensive, but I do. The cry of a bird, however, at a point in an interview when no bird actually cried, seems unexceptional.

o how do you draw the line? No pressing moral dilemma faced the Editor of the Daily Sketch, because a toyscape from Gamages was so obviously a toyscape from Gamages that the temptation to pull wool over the readers' eyes did not present itself. When what is doubtful morally is also difficult practically, we are assisted to be virtuous. But the day of the coffee-break abortion is coming, and the day of the virtually read computer-assisted photograph has arrived already. This month, between editions, The Guardian's picture desk altered a photograph of Gordon Brown before his Budget speech, removing a mop of hair which obscured the view. After protests from sharp-eyed readers, the paper's Editor, Alan Rusbridger, admitted the change was misleading. I cannot think of a single new

moral question raised by any of the advances in knowledge and compe-tence during my lifetime, but so many of the old questions have been focused and sharpened to an almost painful intensity. The application of computer technology to both printing and broadcasting offers the possibili-ty of deception at the flick of a switch, the twitch of a mouse. Journalists are not growing more deceitful, but deceit is growing easier.

Britain's dogfight with Kohl

David Hart tells

the inside story

of the Eurofighter

hancellor Kohl and his Government have led the drive to closer integration in the European Union. They are also very keen on a European Defence Identity: current Brussels jargon for some kind of European military merger. Yet their performance as a leading partner in the most important collaborative military project in Europe, development of the four-nation EF2000 combat aircraft, has hardly

in fact, it has been lamentable. The in fact, it has been lamentable. The British taxpayer has spent £2.7 billion on the project so far. Of that sum at least £500 million is a direct result of German Government equivocation, according to industry sources. More important, a competitive fighter is essential to our defence. Apart from the fundamental role of defending the the fundamental role of defending the British Isles from air attack, land forces can only be deployed into any theatre — for example the Gulf — if commanders can be reasonably sure

of air superiority.

Today the German Cabinet is expected, six months late, to decide to commit the money for the production. investment stage of the project. Even if it does so, it still has to convince the Bundestag, by no means a foregone conclusion. If the Bundestag delays the issue may get caught up in the for another 18 months

Since the beginning of the ment contract, signed in 1988, the Germans have been equivocal. They failed to honour their commitment to provide full funding to the main German manufacturer. Daimler-Benz-owned DASA, which had to part-fund the project from its own resources. Then in 1992, Germany began formal proceedings to with

In 1993 the Germans were perruaded to stay in by Malcolm Secretary, although they did not finally sign up to the revised arrangements until July 1995. The project had been saved, but it had also been damaged. Germany's attempt to withdraw led to a reluciance on the part of German industry to make progress on the programme at what UK industry saw as an appropriate pace. It also had a debilitating effect on thousands of subcontractors in all

A new "memorandum of under standing" was finally signed in 1995 to reflect German concerns, and a twin-track approach agreed whereby Britain and Italy would take early deliveries of the aircraft in the year 2000, as opposed to the original date of 1998, and Germany would take later ones. The Germans tried to cut the number of aircraft they intended to buy from 250 to 140, while insisting on a share of the work that reflected the original number. Eventually they agreed to take 180 aircraft and to

accept a 30 per cent work-share. Part of the present difficulty in getting the German Government to commit to the production investment phase has nothing to do with the project itself. First, there is intense political rivalry between Volker Rühe, the German Defence Minister, and Theo Weigel, the Finance Minister. The EF2000 has become caught up in their political manoeuvrings. Then there is the clamp placed on public spending by Herr Kohl so that Germany can meet the Maastricht criteria. That has led to intense pressure on defence spending.

eanwhile. British moustry wants to get on so that it can meet the export demand that will undoubtedly appear if potential customers believe that the aircraft is actually going to be produced Already, despite the uncertainties, Norway, Australia and the

UAE have expressed interest.
When I began to advise Malcolm
Rifkind at the MoD in 1993, I was a Eurofighter-sceptic. I had advocated ending the programme and a purchase of American aircraft instead. I knew that the Tornado F3, another collaborative project with the Germans, had been less than a success. I knew that much of Europe's military technology was at least ten years

behind that of the Americans. Above all, I knew that successive British governments had spent large sums of money buying "political" weapons, and I saw EF2000 in that ight. I wanted to try to persuade the MoD to procure weapons on the basis of their military effectiveness and compentive cost, not because they happened to be made in factories

in marginal constituencies. I was wrong about EF2000. Once I was able to make a fully informed judgment at the Maria judgment at the MoD, it became clear to me that the aircraft would be a world-class fighter and that during the coming decade, only the Ameri-

can F22 would outperform it.

Air defence effectiveness is a function of availability, agility, speed, the ability to detect, to track, to lock on missiles and to maintain speed and height. The EF2000 is 40 per cent more effective than the F16 (Block 60). 34 per cent more effective than the

FISE and 30 per cent more effective than the French Rafale.

If the German Government is Usual Suspects and as the serial killer in Seven. Spacey has agreed to appear in The Iceman Cometh by Eugene O'Neill at the Almeida Theatre, Islington. He saw Fiennes in Chekov's Ivanov at the Almeida

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If the German Government is serious about European co-operation, it could start by honouring its commitments to this project now, and keep on honouring them until it is completed.

Close fit

BACKSTAGE at the Royal Opera House's final gala performance on Monday before it closes for two years of refurbishment will be opera bouffe compared with the reary adieus being made on stage. For the end of Covent Garden's chaotic, seemingly endless final year before closure, the opera singers' dressing rooms have been closed and they have been forced to share digs with the ballet dancers. On any normal night, when the



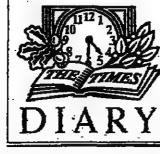
Sylvie Guillem: squashed

the opera company or the ballet troupe but never both, the arrangement is barely tolerable. The singers cannot stand all the dust left behind by the dancers costumes and cosmetics, as it interferes with their vocal cords. When not required onstage they have been seen popping outside, sometimes to a local pub, rather than to their dressing rooms.

rooms need accommodate either

On Monday, however, the Opera House is providing a mixed bill of opera and ballet topped by Placido Domingo and the ballerina Sylvie Guillem. They will all be squeezed into one set of dressing rooms. "It is a very difficult time." says a spokesman at the Opera House. "The ballerinas' dressing rooms here have always been dilapidated compared with those of the opera singers. They may find the circumstances particularly painful." Surprise guests are oromised by the Opera House. In the light of the cramped conditions, the cast are hoping that the 17stone Luciano Pavarotti is not amone them.

 Princess Michael of Kent's hopes of lightening her overdraft with



Coutts & Co. the Queen's bank. with a win at Newmarket ended in misery yesterday when her threeyear-old colt Vain Tempest finished well down the field in the EMCOR handwap. She looked pretty glum," said a racegoer.

Low rank

GLOOMY news for the Prince of Wales is contained in Whatever it Takes, by Elizabeth Drew, a new book about America's congressional elections last year. In March 1996, the Republican Party organised a private poll to measure the popularity of well-known ligures.

The result put News Gingrich. the unpopular Speaker of the House of Representatives, below G. Gordon Liddy, the unrepentant Watergate conspirator, but above a

three-way tie at the bottom between Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, Rush Limbaugh, the right-wing radio "shock jock", and the Prince,

Hooked

BY WAY of separating the true country folk from the groupies at yesterday's Countryside Rally in Hyde Park, PHS compiled a quick index of countryside credibility by asking those present who had caught the largest fish. Into this poll must be added the exaggeration factor, fuelled no doubt by the spirit of deliance and the bracing renditions by Nicholas Soames,



MP for Mid-Sussex, of Men of Harlech.

Top of the league, unsurprisingly, was Soames, who boasted of a 28lb salmon caught on the River Nith in Dumfries and Galloway two years ago. Next came Michael Ancram, MP for Devizes, with a 24lb salmon, then Tiggy Legge-Bourke, the former royal nanny, with a 211b salmon. Jeremy Irons, the actor, was a surprise entry with an exone 101b tuna. Farther down, Michael Heseltine had caught a 7lb salmon while the king prawn was John Gummer, the former Environment Secretary. Although a keen supporter of field sports, he admitted he would not know the right end of a fishing rod if it came complete with maggot attached.

Cheap date

INSPIRED by the example of Ralph Fiennes, best-known for his role in the Oscar-winning The English Patient, another Hollywood star, Kevin Spacey, is to perform for Equity minimum rates on the London stage.

Best known for his role in The Usual Suspects and as the serial



earlier this year and was so impressed that he decided to have a go himself.

"He'll be on the Equity minimum." said a press officer for the theatre, which is currently on a fundraising drive, "Like a lot of our actors here, he will help to subsidise the theatre." Jonathan Kant, the joint artistic director at the Almeida, said: "It's yery satisfying that having taken two shows to New York, we should bring one of

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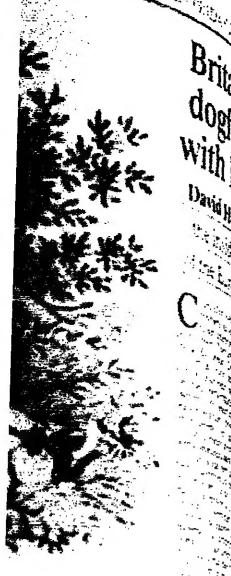
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AFTER THE PARTY

Now watch Nato governments quarrel about the bill

The cheers that greeted him in Poland yesterday will have strengthened Bill Clinton's conviction that history is on the side of Nato's decision to enlarge. But in choosing to address the Polish street party against the camera-friendly backdrop of Warsaw's Cas-

tle Square, the President had another audience in mind. Back in America, the Madrid summit marks the start, not the conclusion, of public debate on the wisdom of Nato enlargement; and ratification by the US Senate cannot be taken for granted.

Madrid starts the transformation of Nato into something that Americans have yet to understand and may not support. The policy is vulnerable on two main grounds, risk and cost. The influential Senator Jesse Helms is already grumbling about this "new diluted Nato, converted from a well-defined military alliance into a nebulous collective security arrangement". In addition, trouble with America's allies is certain if Congress insists that the accession negotiations lay down a firm burden-sharing division of the bill for admitting the new members.

Typical of the duplicities surrounding this whole strategy is the silence about costs. At Madrid, British officials claimed that the impact on defence spending would be negligible: President Chirac said baldly that France would not pay a single extra franc for enlargement. Costings done in the US vary wildly, from the Pentagon's \$27-35 billion to the \$125 billion estimated by the Congressional Budget Office. But what is already clear is that the US intends Nato's European members to pick up all but about 6 per cent of the total. That means at least \$19 billion for West European Nato members and \$14 billion for the three successful applicants.

With regard to its existing Nato allies, the US has a strong case. America accounts for around 60 per cent of current Nato defence budgets, the gap in military capabilities is widening and the Europeans, Britain apart, have barely begun to build and equip the modern, highly mobile forces called for in Nato's new Strategic Concept. Some Nato members boast little more than paper armies: all are cutting spending. Enlargement merely makes modernisation more urgent. Since Nato forces are not to be permanently stationed on the new members' territory, effective force projection is imperative if a larger Nato is to retain its credibility.

But when governments are straining every fiscal muscle to meet the EMU deadline, they will strenuously resist US demands for firm commitments even on this count - let alone to help the huge defence conversion effort to make the new members' forces Nato-compatible. These arguments could fracture the existing Alliance; transatlantic quarrels can only make Europe's new democracies less secure.

Politicians may not find it easy to convey to their taxpayers; but money is, in fact, the least serious problem about Nato enlargement. If it offered the best prospect for peace in Europe, the means to this end ought to be found. But despite Nato's effort, through accords with Russia and Ukraine and the Partnerships for Peace, to create an overlap between Nato and non-Nato countries, no such guarantee can be given. Enlargement does not end dividing lines in Europe. It merely shifts them. In the words of one prominent US critic, it will build "a bridge into the 19th century", sowing distrust between "winners and losers".

When Mr Clinton arrives in Romania today, the news cameras he found so useful in Poland will focus attention on this awkward fact. He will be pressed to confirm an invitation to Romania for 1999. He will decline to be drawn, for the good reason that America flatly refused at Madrid to make any commitments beyond Poland. Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The proclaimed purpose of Nato enlargement is to create webs of security throughout Europe. What was woven at Madrid were webs of dissimulation. The formula that Nato is open to all, including Russia, is manifestly untrue; and the encouraging words about Romania and Slovenia in the Madrid communiqué were a smokescreen veiling disagreement between Nato's 16 current members, nine of which lobbied for the inclusion of these two countries.

America won its way at Madrid; Capitol Hill may prove a tougher proposition. As the arguments unfold, the Administration may find itself defending not only Nato's expansion but the need for Nato to exist in a post-Cold War world. The answer must be that Nato means a safer Europe and thus a safer world. Enlargement, a strategy studded with evasions and inconsistencies, makes that answer harder to give.

SPECIAL VICTORY

The SAS has risked its men for Bosnia's future

George Robertson spoke for the nation when Serb nationalist who ran the Omarska operation mounted yesterday to arrest two indicted war criminals in Bosnia. As a piece of daring, it ranked among the most challenging operations that Britain's special forces have undertaken.

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The operation came hard on the heels of the Nato summit, where all the talk was of snatch squads to arrest Radovan Karadric and Ratko Mladic, the former political and military leaders of the Bosnian Serbs. These men must, indeed, be brought before the war crimes tribunal in The Hague: until those responsible for the atrocities committed at Sarajevo, Srebrenica and in numerous villages, no peace in Bosnia is possible. Unless the authors of the policies of ethnic cleansing and murder are brought to account, there can be no expiation of the crimes committed by the thousands under their command. The Bosnian Serbs would remain branded with collective guilt.

Locating and seizing the two men remains a formidable task, however, which was not helped by the loose talk at Madrid or the rising tensions in Republika Srpska as former fighters rally around their leaders. It is therefore all the more of a coup to have gone after two men who in their swaggering defiance believed they had escaped the consequences of past crimes. For just as Nazi leaders faced justice, so too did the commandants of Belsen and Auschwitz, the men who put into practice the policies of genocide. Simo Orliaca was the fanatical

television footage first brought home to the world the depravity and human suffering of the Bosnian war. Milan Kovacevic, the director of the "hospital" that delivered prisoners to Omarska, was also rightly indicted and must stand trial in The Hague.

The British forces in Bosnia have been among the most effective of all the Ifor and subsequent Sfor troops. There are few other Nato allies with the training, discipline and, above all, will to carry out operations that could end in death. The French have the daring and the Americans the necessary technical support. But, rather conveniently. Prijedor falls within the British sector, and it fell therefore to Britain to put into operation this first demonstration of Nato's more aggressive policy on war criminals.

The SAS has sent two important messages to the Bosnian Serbs. The first is that the published list of some 75 people wanted for war crimes is not definitive: the sealed indictments contain the names of many more accused of equally heinous behaviour. No one with blood on his hands should think he can escape retribution. The second message is to Pale. General Mladic and Dr Karadzic may think that they are beyond the reach of Nato, and that in any case the Alliance lacks the will to attempt their arrest. Until now, it is true, the international force in Bosnia has interpreted its mandate with excessive caution. The mandate has not changed, but Nato's resolution has.

A SLIPPERY BUSINESS

Simon's shares must be sold

The intensity of Labour's attacks on Torv sleaze in the last Parliament demands a new Government whose ministers are as honest, visibly honest and dedicated as they can Mossibly be. It is disappointing, then, to see a Labour minister putting himself in a position in which he is both less effective than he could be and easily accused of conflicts of interest.

Lord Simon of Highbury, Minister for European Trade and Competitiveness, was chairman of BP until May I. In order to join the Government, he gave up a salary of £874,000 a year. But he has insisted on retaining his holding of £2.15 million of BP shares. And he has not declared them in the register of Lords' interests.

Technically, he is allowed not to do so, but it seems an ill-judged omission, especially since his shareholding was already public knowledge. If he did not break the letter of the Whitehall guidelines, Questions of Procedure for Ministers, he surely has doken their spirit. Ministers are told that they are allowed to own shares so long as there is no "actual or apparent" conflict between their public and private interests.

Lord Simon has taken some trouble to try to ensure that this is so. He has promised not to trade his BP shares before January 1998. - were he to sell his shares.

His other shares are in a blind trust. He is not involved in any DTI or Treasury business involving BP and he does not see papers that relate to the company.

Other DTI ministers, such as Paul Channon and Michael Heseltine, have held shares in family companies, Guinness and Haymarket. But these were not businesses that spanned the UK economy like BP. Nor were they subject to such government regulation. If Lord Simon were to absent himself from anything touching his former company, he would be emasculated in his job. That should suit neither him nor the Prime Minister who successfully tempted him to take the job.

Yesterday Ann Taylor, Leader of the House, refused Tory calls for a debate on the issue. If she does not want it aired publicly, she would do well to look again at the matter privately. Lord Simon should sell his shares now and allow his stockbroker to invest the proceeds in his blind trust. When he leaves Government, he can buy the shares back.

This is not yet a question of sleaze. But it does no credit to a Government that was determined to be open and clean in all its dealings. Lord Simon would be a more useful minister - as well as a better symbol

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Sleaze, the press and hypocrisy

From Lord Harris of High Cross

Sir. Once again. Simon Jenkins deserves high praise for a brave, lone voice, this time (article, July 5) against the "hysterical reaction" of the press to the vastly inflated Downey report.
The mighty Guardian can (al-

most) be forgiven for celebrating the triumph of its highly selective brand of investigative journalism, which was characterised by endlessly repeat-ing Mr Mohamed Al Fayed's malicious allegations and exploiting Neil Hamilton's witness statement submitted to the court for the aborted libel action. But why should the rest of the media pack equally preen itself for indulging its crude taste for human blood sports?

One effect of Sir Gordon Downey's

conscientious construction of a monstrous mountain out of many molehills is to bury two key factors. The first is that his verdict on those clusive envelopes turns on preferring the testimony of the unreliable Mr Al Fayed and his employees to that of Mr Hamilton - without the "independent corroboration" he insisted would have been necessary to support Mr Al Fayed's £1 million accusation agains: Michael Howard (report, "Howard cleared over Al Fayed bribe accusation", March 7). Having had the advantage of knowing the former MP for Tatton as a trusted friend since his student days 25 years ago, I would certainly require more robust evidence of

The second feature is what may appear a surprising doctrine (paragraph 840, Volume I) that, in some circumstances at least:

The fact that [an MPs] actions in Par-liament are not influenced by such a

serious wrongdoing.

For anyone who knows Mr Hamilton's deeply held principles, that statement should immediately dispose of the witch-hunt against him. Thus it is clear that while his long, independent advocacy of competitive markets had earlier suited the pur-poses of Mr Al Fayed (as it had incurred the enduring animosity of The Guardian), there is no substance to the public perception cultivated by the media that the former MP and minister was led to act in Parliament or the Board of Trade against his own well-established belief.

The villain of the piece would seem to be The Guardian's favourite witness, Mr Al Fayed, who admits to stuffing pockets full of £50 notes with the deliberate, disreputable intention of breaching the resolution of the Commons in 1695 that:

the offer of money ... to any MP for the promotion of any matter ... to be transacted in Parliament is a high crime and misdemeanour and tends to the subversion of the English constitution.

Yours faithfully, HARRIS of HIGH CROSS, House of Lords. July 8.

From Mr Paul Smith

Sir. Simon Jenkins dismisses the Hamilton affair as having "little to do with the better government of Britain". As a council officer in a south London borough involved in developing partnerships with the private, public and voluntary sectors, I welcome the requirement to declare annually that I have engaged in no activities which will lead to, or be perceived to lead to, conflict of interest.

My manager and I conduct negotiations through focused, structured meetings, rather than lunches, and all awards of contracts are subject to thorough internal and external audit, to the benefit of everyone, especially local residents.

Perhaps Simon Jenkins could examine the chasm between what might be regarded as normal behaviour and monitoring in the two arms of government, national and local. That Hamilton's behaviour could be dismissed as irrelevant emphasises the need for urgent reform at Westminster.

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From Lord Pearson of Rannoch Sir, isn't it odd that we make such a

fuss about allegations that a few backbenchers have been paid small sums of money to ask questions, when in most other countries ministers are bribed hugely to deliver answers?

Yours faithfully, PEARSON of RANNOCH, 52 Minories, EC3.

Lacking energy

From Mr Nick Lear

Sir, it is so exciting to be one of the chosen. I was doubly excited by a letter from Smart Gas, informing me that my area has been chosen to testmarket a revolutionary new gas central-heating system, and that mine was one of the families selected to join a customer monitoring programme. Sadly I will not be able to take advantage of this offer. To qualify, it seems, you must have a gas supply. This village has none.

Yours sincerely. NICK LEAR. Knowlands Farm. Barcombe, nr Lewes, East Sussex. July 8.

Quelling political protest in Kenya

From Mr Kenneth S. N. Matiba, Kenyan MP and Chairman of the Ford-Asili Party

Sir. Your leading article ("Thuggery in the cathedral", July 8) quite rightly challenges the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, to put into practice his promise to place human rights at the centre of Britain's foreign policy. The Kenyan people need him - and other world leaders - to reinforce their legitimate calls to President Moi for constitutional reform before it is too

It is true that the international community turned a blind eye to electoral rigging in 1992. It saddened many of us to read the Commonwealth report on the 1992 elections in Kenya which pronounced them to be free and fair. Since that time Moi has presided over growing political and financial corruption in Kenya, the erosion of fundamental human rights and a failing economy. Lives are now being lost in an attempt to stem this tide - a tide that will only change with a level playing field at the next

I look in envy at the freedom you enjoy in Britain to debate and enhance your own constitutional rights. I also lock in envy at the freedom you have to participate in your own local and general elections, whether as candidates, party campaigners or vuters.

The Kenyan people, denied all these freedoms, continue to express dissent when they can. What would give more force to our calls would be Robin Cook's support.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH S. N. MATIBA. Chairman, Ford-Asili Parry, University Way, Nairobi.

From the High Commissioner for Kenya

Sir. Readers of your leader on Kenya might take the view that there are parallels to be drawn between recent events in Kenya and Northern Ireland, in both cases the law had to be upheld in the interests of the majority of the people - and the Government had to take difficult but firm decisions which led, perhaps inevitably and cer-

We understand your position. Why is it so difficult to understand ours? Instead your leader adopts a style that can only be called inflammatory. To write that Kenyans see "little ahernative" to civil war seems like an attempt to impose your own death wish on us. Fortunately it is a greeous misread-ing of the feelings of most Kenyans. Secondly, to state that President

tainly regrettably, to sporadic vi-

Moi rigged the results of the 1992 elections flies totally in the face of the conclusions of international observers, including the Commonwealth Secretariat, who monitored Kenya's elections at that time.

The "fools or knaves" to whom you refer are obviously the 37 per cent of British companies with investments in Kenya which have declared their intention of increasing those invest-ments "significantly" this year. according to a recent survey. I suspect that they have a rather more balanced view of the political and economic situation in Kenya — and a greater un-derstanding of the potential that Kenya offers as the hub of a future Easi African common market.

Yours sincerely, MWANYENGELA NGALL, Kenya High Commission. 45 Portland Place, WI.

No winners in Orange march debate

From Mr Liam Paul Murray

Sir. Your assertion (leading article, July 7) that Ronnie Flanagan. Chief Constable of the RUC, "was acting in the best interests of Northern Ireland's nationalists" is a curious one.

The decision to allow the Portadown Orange parade to pass along the Garvaghy Road was justified on the grounds that it presented the lesser of two evils. Whilst we will have to wait and find out whether or not this is true, such an assertion can only be seen as confrontational by republican terrorists. In short, they are being told that they do not pose as serious a threat to public disorder as loyalist terrorists. The twisted logic with which terrorist organisations greet such reasoning should be borne in mind before decisions are made,

Yours faithfully. LIAM PAUL MURRAY, 8 Darlington View. Stewarton, Ayrshire.

From Mr Hugo Charlton

Sir. The Orange Order must now accept that they obtained passage down Garvaghy Road because of the threat of violence, and the threats of murder by the Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF) in particular. By taking advantage of the security climate resulting from such threats, they have publicly abandoned their claim to moral superiority over Sinn Fein.

Sunday's march may prove to have been an expensive outing when Unionists seek progress on decom-missioning, as it is now clear what was always suspected - that, whether disowned or not, both sides have guns under the table, and whoever sits round it will have to talk regardless.

Yours faithfully, HUGO CHARLTON. Waterlow Road, NI9. July 9.

From Mr David T. Price

BA strike

Airways "wants to save £42 million" The largest contribution to BA's overall image is provided to cus-tomers by its staff, particularly by cabin crew. If savings of £42 million are required, may one ask why Sir Colin Marshall (chairman) and Mr Robert Ayling (chief executive) do not shelve plans to spend £60 million on a new corporate identity, including a "face-lift" for BA's aircraft (report, June 11; letters, June 13).

In common, I am sure, with many other BA customers, I am unmoved by pretty pictures on tailplanes but distinctly impressed by high-quality service provided by well-motivated staff.

Yours faithfully, DAVID T. PRICE. Natural Technology Ltd, 60a High Street, Wargrave, Berkshire. July 9.

UK economy

From Mr Douglas W. A. Blve Sir. Mr Robert Young (letter, July 7)

asks what is preventing the UK from emulating Hong Kong's economic performance. The answer in two words is: party politics.

Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS BLYE, Middlefield, The Street, Goodnestone, Canterbury, Kent. From Mr Neville Cooper

Sir, Given the explosive mix of emotions in Northern Ireland (leners, July 7, 8 and 10), is not the only anchor for policy the rule of law? It is unlawful to block the Queen's highway. And, whatever the rights to march, it is unlawful, when doing so, to engage in conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace.

Whatever the consequences, is not a strict application of the law to all parties preferable to fomenting a competition between the factions for the most effective threats of violence to support their demands?

NEVILLE COOPER (Chairman), The Top Mangement Partnership Limited. PO Box 10420, London W8.

From Mr F. Laycock

Sir. In Captain Peter Kimm's impossible dream of tolerance and brotherhood along the Garvaghy Road fletter, July 8) is the seed of sense which all thoughtful persons from both tra-ditions in Northern Ireland know must be allowed to germinate before peace can be established.

To expect a massive adjustment in attitudes of the sort experienced by Captain Kimm in his dream is, of course, very unlikely. It is possible, however, that Orangemen might find the public flaunting of their tradition and allegiance less necessary if nationalists modified an attitude which seems to be very close to that of a man who beats up his estranged wife to persuade her to live with him again.

Yours faithfully, F. LAYCOCK, 5 Sussex Road, Dublin 4. July 10.

Digital TV From Mr Phil Woolas, MP for

Oldham East and Saddleworth Sir. You report today that British

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Sir, Your report, "Film boost threatened by skill shortage" (July 5), was spot on. The problem in broadcasting though is even bigger. The advent of digital broadcasting, which is now only a matter of months away, will suffer unless urgent action is taken to ensure a ready supply of qualified college and university leavers.

Britain is poised to become the

world centre of digital broadcasting. Both bidders for the new digital terrestrial TV franchise (reports, June 25) highlighted job creation as a major benefit - up to 125,000 jobs could be created, with electrical and manufacturing jobs on top, as the new sets come on stream. We must ensure Britain benefits. In areas like Greater Manchester the broadcast industry and its spin-offs will make all the difference.

The Department of National Heritage has no estimate for jobs growth and the University Funding Council is not preparing new places. We must not allow digital broadcasting to go the way of the hovercraft, etc.

Yours sincerely, PHIL WOOLAS. House of Commons.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

A Bill of Rights is not the answer From Mr John Mackenzie

Sir. You report (July 5) that a Bill of Rights will be enacted by the end of next year, enabling people to seek justice in British rather than European

courts for breaches of human rights.

I have been acting since 1990 for Alec Findlay, the soldier whose court martial was ruled to be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights by the European human rights murt on February 24, 1997. The Findlay case, as it progressed through the European human rights commission and court, was the primary cause for the introduction of the new court martial system by the Armed

Forces Act 1996. The court based its decision on the convening of the court martial by a general officer who was also the prosecuting authority and who appointed as the officers to try the case five officers serving under his command, of whom the president was one of his staff officers. I have always understood that the objection to a judicial figure being judge in his own cause was a fundamental principle of "natural justice" and contrary to English law without having to con-

sider the European convention. In December 1991 the Findlay court martial was the subject of review proceedings in the Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench Division on exactly this basis. Senior judges held that the matter did not merit leave to apply for judicial review. Contrast this decision with the position of the UK Government when the Findlay case reached the European court. The UK did not seek to justify the court martial, intplicitly conceding that the constitution of the Findlay court martial was indefen-

The problem is not that the convention is not part of UK law. Most of the provisions in the convention are in English law in some form. The problem is the judges who go to great lengths to avoid disrupting state administration, particularly for some reason in matters involving the Armed Forces. A Bill of Rights is unlikely in itself to change anything. certainly not the number of applications to the court in Strasbourg.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MACKENZIE. Sheratte, Caleb & Co (solicitors), 54 Fleet Street, EC4.

Hunting ban

From Mrs Mollie Woodbine

Sir, In saying a ban on hunning ... changes forever the rhythm of rural usage" (leading article, July 10) you exaggerate the importance of country sports to the majority of country

I have lived in the country for nearly 20 years and get around my county quite a bit. The nearest I have come to a hunt is seeing an injured horse lying

by the roadside waiting for the vet. It would be Heaven help most of us if we relied upon the hunt to "bring rural communities together". We are brought together by individual hospitality and neighbourliness, parish council work, the annual village dance, carol service, harvest festival, etc. And some of us are even daring enough to venture into towns for evening classes, concerts, theatres and

to visit our urban cousins. Whether hunting is banned or not will make not one whit of difference to the "rhythm" of this country person's

Yours. MOLLIE WOODBINE. 3 Ivy Cottages, Rostherne Village, nr Knutsford, Cheshire. July 10.

From Mr Nicholus Wibberley

Sir, It is absurd that hunting should be a national government issue. It would be better devolved to parish councils. Not only is that the level where it matters but it would revitalise community debate. No doubt hunting would be banned in Islington.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS WIBBERLEY, East Whiddon, Landkey Road, Barnstaple, Devon. whiddon@aol.com July 10.

Red zone

From Mrs P. M. Perkins

Sir, "Mars rover rolls into action" after being "parked overnight" (report, July 7). How long before mission control-lers find it clamped — or stolen?

Yours sincerely P. M. PERKINS. Bisley House. Charlton, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Space saving

From Mr Alfred Goldstein Sir. \$266 million for 309 million miles to Mars (leading article, July 7) is

tive transportation cost.

Yours faithfully. A. GOLDSTEIN. Kent Edge,

about 50p per mile: quite a competi-

Crockham Hill, Edenbridge, Kent.



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PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE July 10: Mr Walter Simpson. winner of the annual shooting event of The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, Royal Company of Archers, was presented to Her Majesty and received The Queen's

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the garden of the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The Princess Royal, the Lady

Saltoun and the Hon Elizabeth Ramsay of Mar were present. The Queen's Body Guard for Scotland, Royal Company of Ar-chers, under the command of the Captain-General, Major Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Bt, Gold Stick for Scotland, was on duty. The High Constables of the Palace of Holyroodhouse were on

duty.
The Lowland Band and the Band of the Royal Air Force College played selections of music. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness gave a Dinner Party this at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The following were invited: The Rt Hon Donald Dewar MP. the Rt Hon the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh and Mrs Eric Milligan, the Reverend and Mrs Alexander McDonald, Sir Thomas and Lady Farmer, Professor John and Dr Elinor Arbuthnott, and Mr and Mrs Allan Shiach.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning opened a new wafer fabrication plant at NEC Semi-conductors (UK) Limited, Deans West Industrial Estate. Livingston, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Lothian (the Earl of Morton).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 10: The Princess Royal, Colon-Chief. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), this morning opened a new wing at the Royal Scots Club. Abercromby Place, Edinburgh.

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the new Head Office of dard Life House, 30 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended an Indian Army Reunion Luncheon at Hopetoun House, near South Queensferry, and was received by Mr William Cadeli (Deputy Lieutenant of West Lothian).

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 10: The Prince of Wales this morning visited HMS Nottingham and viewed an air defence and battle damage exercise. noon visited a disaster exercise site

at Weston Mill. The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Gala Dinner at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7, organised by Asia House to cele-

brate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Indian and Pakistani independence. **CLARENCE HOUSE**

July 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron, was present this evening at a Reception given by The Queen's Nursing Institute at St James's Palace when Her Majesty presented Awards for Outstanding Service

and Long Service Badges.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE July 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening visited Ely Cathedral and opened

visited by Catheura and opened the Flower Festival. Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden). KENSINGTON PALACE

July 10: The Duke of Gloucester, Trustee, the British Museum, this evening opened the Arts of Korea Exhibition and afterwards at ion and afterwards attended a Dinner at the Museum, London WCl.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Pa-tron. Cheltenham International Festival of Music, this morning attended a Concert at Pitville Pump Room, Chellenham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucester-

This afternoon Her Royal High-ness opened St Paul's Wing (Maternity Unit) at Cheltenham General Hospital and later opened the Kimbrose Day Centre at St Margaret's, London Road, YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE July 10: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, the University of Surrey this morning opened the Sir Austin Pearce Building and viewed an exhibition by the Engineering Employers Federation. His Royal Highness this after-

noon met students at the Year of Engineering Success Year in Industry Competition at the University of Surrey, Guildford. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

July 10: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon attended that Annual Day of the Royal School, Hampstead, London NW3.

Reception Bakers' Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, at a reception held last night at Bakers' Hall, unveiled a stained glass window depicting the Bakers Company's armorial bearings. presented to the company by Mr C. Master, and executed by Mrs Jane Gray, a Liveryman of the Glaziers' Company. Mr John Moon, Mas-ter, presided and presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque for his charity, Cancer Research.



President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, and his companion, Graca Machel, after she had received an honorary degree from the University of Essex in Colchester yesterday

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Alcock, bl.: Mr Giorgio Armani, fashion designer, 63; Mr Nadeem Aslam, novelist, 30; Lord Bolton. 68; the Right Rev Richard Chartres. Bishop of London. 50; Mr Graham Clark, Governor, Wandsworth prison, 60; Mr Robert Compton, former chairman, Time Life International, 75: Professor lan Craft, obstetrician and

zvnaecologist, 60. Mr Peter de Savary, company chairman and yachtsman, 53; the Hon Greville Janner, QC, and former MP, 69; Miss Julia Trevelyan Oman. designer, 67; Lord Penrhyn, 89; Mr Hermann Prey, baritone, 68; Mr Dean Richards, rugby player, 34; Mr G.D. Slaugher, former Headmaster, University College School, 60: Dr Derek Stevenson, former secretary. BMA, 86; Mr John Stride, actor, 61: Mr John Swift, QC, Rall Regulator, 57; Mr Gough Whitlam. QC, former Prime Minister of

Service dinner

No 101 Squadroza

Air Vice-Marshal D.A. Hurrell was the guest of honour at a direct held last night at RAF Brize Norton to mark the 80th anniversary of the formation of No 101 Squadron. Squadron Leader P. Taylor presided. Wing Com-mander P.W. Gray, Officer Commanding No 101 Squadron. also stockė.

Royal engagements

the Garden Suburb Open Air

Theatre, Hampstead Garden Sub-urb, London NWII at 10.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will

open the Mobility Roadshow, Crowthorne, at 4.00; and as Pa-

tron, National Missing Persons

Helpline, will attend a reception to mark the first national conference

on Craniofacial Identification.

The Duke of Kent, President-in-Chief, British Racing Drivers'

Club, will attend free practice of the British Grand Prix, at the

Silverstone Circuit, Northampton-

Princess Alexandra will open the

new Science Department and Music Centre of the Queen Eliza-

sham. Kent, at 11 00: and will visit.

the Kent County Show at Delling

imprisoned on Devil's Island for

espionage, Paris, 1935; George Gershwin, composer, Hollywood,

Wootton of Abinger, sociologist, 1988: Laurence Olivier, Baron

Olivier, actor and first director of

Cumberland Lodge,

Great Park at 6.15.

shire, at 10.10.

at 12.25.

1937: Barbara

West Sussex, 1989.

The Queen will hold an investiture at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Haig Homes Estate, Saughton Mains Street, Stenhouse, Edinburgh at 10.00. The Duke of York will attend a

centenary dinner given by the Marine Highland Hotel, Troon, Ayrshire, at 7.25. The Princess Royal will open Shin-Etsu Europe's new plant at Wilson Road, Toll Roundabout, Eliburn, Livingston, West Lothian, at 9.30; will visit Bartholomew House, 12 Duncan Street, Edinburgh at 11.30; as Patron, the Scottish Business Achievement Award Trust, will attend an annual luncheon at

Prestonfield House Hotel, Priest-field Road, at 12.30; and as Patron. Citizens Advice Scotland, will visit Georgie/Dalry Citizens Advice Bu-reau, Fountainbridge Library, 137 Dundee Street, Edinburgh, at 3.10. Princess Margaret, as President, will attend the final performance by the Royal Ballet at the Royal

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland 1306-29, Turnberry. Ayrshire, 1274; Thomas Bowdler, self-appointed Shakespearean cen-sor, Ashley, Bath, 1754; Yul Brynner, actor, Sakhalin Island. off Siberia, 1915 DEATHS: Charles Macklin, actor-

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manager, London, 1797: Albert Chevalier, music-hall entertainer, 1923; Alfred Dreyfus, the victim of anti-Semitism, who was wrongly

School, Windsor Opera House, Covent Garden at To mark the 75th Anniversary of 7.25 before the closure of the house The Duke of Gloucester will open

the Junior School, a dinner will be held at RFU Twickenham on Friday, September 5, 1997. For further details please contact Mr M.D. Collins on Windsor (01753) 866330 or 867856.

Haileybury Junior

Dinner

HM Government Mr Tony Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment last night at Lancaster House in honour of Ambassador Bill Richardson, American Permanent Representative to the United Na-

Latest wills

Philip Robert Colville, of London SW3 left estate valued at 65,594.182 ret.

He left his yeart with all its gear and sails to his sailing partner, along with a sum of money to his staff felt desirable by his secutiors. Owing to the uncertain careers of some of my nephews I leave it to my encotions to divide my pictures, silver and furniture among them as my executors may feel desirable bearing in mind that my nephew Robin has borrowed a large saim of money to pay for his gambling debts.

Katherine Faith Cartwright, of Sydling St Nicholas, Dorchester, Dorset, left estate valued at £997,738 net. George William Reeve, of Ixworth, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, left

estate valued at £1,435,839 net.

Memorial service

The Hon Charles Clark A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Hon Charles Clark was held yesterday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, the Palace of Westminster, Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by the Rev

Richard Sutton.
The Hon Richard Clark, brother, and Mr Oliver Clark. nephew and godson, read the lessons. The Hon David Clark brother, gave an address. Among others present were:

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Lord and Lady Clark of Kempsion
(father and mother; Mrs Richard
Clark (sister-in-law), Miss Incy
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Beckett, the Hon Mrs Hugh Lawson
Johnston, Mr Richard Othaway, Mp,
Mrs Nicoletta Clark, Mr Richard
Allen, Mrs J C Brooks, Mr Philip
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Mrs John Lloyd, Mr David Morgan,
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Rebecca Lingard, Mrs R J Marshall
and many other triends.

Luncheons

Langhours Ward Clab The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Keith Knowles, was the guest of honour at the annual civic luncheon of the tangbourn Ward Club held yes-terday at the Old Library, Guidhall Mr Timothy Hopcroft, chairman, presided. The Lord Mayor and Commander Judy Davison of the City of London Police also spoke.

Newspaper Society Mr Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage, was the guest of honour at a huncheon of the Newspaper Society held yesterday at Bloomsbury House. Mr. Chris Oakley, president, was the Chris Oakley, president, was the host. Among those present were the Group Chief Scientive of Bristol United Press, the Chief Esecutive of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, the Chief Esecutive of Trinity International Holdings, the Chief Becutive of Eastern Counties Newspapers Group, the Executive Chairman of Johnston Press, the Chairman and Managing Director of Hirst, Kind and Bennie, the Managing Director of Hirst, Kind and Bennie, the Managing Director of North Cliffe Newspapers, the Managing Director of North Cliffe Newspapers, the Managing Director of Repairing Newspapers, a Director of Bristol United Press, the Editor of the Cameridge Eventy News.

Appointments

Mr Brian Tanner, Mr Thomas Fellowes and Mrs Rachel Terry to be appointed Public Works Loan Commissioners; Mr James Andrews to be reappointed a commis-sioner. Mr Anthony Lochnis to be Chairman of the Public Works Loan Board; Miss Vera Di Palma-to be Deptity Chairman. Mr Peter Addyman, Professor Eric Pernie, Ms Helen Machgan, and I Dr Wendy Sudbeng to the members of the Royal Commission on the Historical Manuments of England, for four years from July 10,

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Mr J.M.H. Ford and Miss C.A. Ainscough

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr Michael and the Hon Mrs Ford, of Yarcombe, Devon, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Ainscough, of Parbold, Lancashire.

Mr M.J. Dean and Miss D. Casserly The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs John Dean, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Danielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Casserly, of Burleigh Waters, Gold

Coast, Australia.... Mr M.P. Jacobs and Miss S.J. Moffat The engagement is announced between Michael Phillip, son of Mr. and Mrs P.R. Jacobs, of Radient, Hertiordshire, and Samantha Jane daughter of Mrs Maureen, Moffat, of Mill Hill, London.

Dr W. Pitt and Miss R.L. Palmer between William, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Pitt, of Durham, and

Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Paimer, of Godaining, Surrey. Mr N.S.M. Prichard and Miss V.F. Knollys

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mrs F.D. Prichard and the late Major F.D. Prichard, of Wargrave, Berkshire, and Veronica, fourth daughter of Mrs D.C. Knollys and the late Mr D.C. Knotlys, of Halmaker, Chichester. Lieutenant Colonel J.R.C. Saville

and Mrs J.C. Fitt and Mrs J.C. Fitt The engagement is arrisumed between John, son of the late Mr John (Bob) Saville and of Mrs Marigold Saville, of Pillerion Hersey, Warwick, and Jane Fig. nee Prior, daughter of Mr Peter Prior, of Coulsdon, Surrey, and

Mrs Doreen White, of South, Croydon, Surrey, Mr J.C.C. Thorne and Miss T.J. Walker. The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Thorne, of Beacunsfield,

Buckinghamshire, and Tracy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. Herbert Walker, of Hexham Northumberland. Mr.LG.LG. White and Miss A.V. Tho The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and

Mrs Christopher J.G. White, of Broadwindsor, Dorset, and Broadwindsor, Dorset, and,
Armidet, eldest daughter of Mr
and Mrs Piers R. Thompson, of
Rowey, Cornwall.
Mr R.M. Williams
and Miss S.C. Heathcose.
The engagement is unnounced
between Russell, son of Mr and
Mrs David Williams, of Upson,
Lincolnstilire, and Clare, daughter
of Mr David Heathcose of

of Mr David Heathcote, of Sheringheim, Norfolk, and of Mrs Maindy Fizzimons, of Cabo san Escas, Mexico.

Tegal appointment Miss Estella Jacqueline Hindley, QC. to be a Circuit Judge assigned to Midland and Oxford Circuit.

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DEATHS

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BASSETT-EVARS - On July 1st at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Louise and Stephen, a son, Howley William Byans.

GREEN - On July 7th at Epson General Hospital, Caroline (see Caborne) and Richard are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Callum Henry, Grateful thanks to all the wonderful staff. MALDARÉ - On 3rd july to Isobel and John at Perth Royal Infirmary, a daughter Janet Elizabeth.

HAMMERTON - On July 6th 1997, to Vanessa (née Rumboll) and Alastair, a daughter, Beatrice Alice, a sister for George and Elizabeth.

KLESTWORT - On 10th July, to Lucinda (née Shand Kydó) and Richard, a son, Infstan William, a brother for Rufus and Helotse. LAWRENCE - On Sunday June 29th, to Kathryn (née Chessun) and Kark, a beautiful daughter, Victoria Sarah Louise, a sister for

LIDINGTON - On July 8th 1997, to Helen (née Parry) and David, twin sons, Edward and James, brothers for Christopher and Thomas. MASON - On July 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Clair and Charles, a son, Willoughby, a brother for

McKië - On May 22nd in Phuket, Thailand, to Mi-kyung (née Kim) and Ian, a son, Eunn Erskine, a brother

NUMN - On July 5th at the Hospital of 5t John & 5t, Elizabeth, to Christa and Christopher, an unbelievably stunning daughter, Sarah Naomi. PEAT - On July 7th 1997 at the Matilida Hospital, Hong Kong, to Sally (née Ellignen) and Charles, a son, Henry Robert Arthur Linnaeus, a beother for Antonia.

PEPPIATT - On 4th July 1997, to Stephen and Sophia (ase Siadden), a daughter, Suscanah Elizabeth, a sister to Edmund and Jonathan.

FURDY - On July 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Lorraine and Mark, a drughter, Zoe Elizabeth Anne, a sister for Sam. THOMAS - On July 1st, to Vicky (née Stoodley) and Mark, a son, Guy Alexander Edward, a brother for Robert

WEEKS - On July 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Claire (nie Davey) and Paul, a son, Paul Robert Junior.

YAMAKAWA - On July 6th at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to &yoko (née-iwashita) and Takashi, a son, Byota. Mother and baby both well.

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AFRAHAMS - Margaret Isobal Alice "Poggy" (née Lang) died aged 85 cm 9th July 1997 peacefully at home. Widow of Arthur Hugh Abrahams and sister of the

Widow of Arthur Eugh Abrahams and sister of the late Miss Joan Settina Lang. Funeral at the Church of St John the Evangelst, Eyds Fark Crescent, WZ, on Mon-day 21st July at 22 mon-Flowers to J.H. Kanyon, 83 Westbourse Grove, WZ, by 10 am.

BAGOT - Lady Many Primess peacefully on 8th July at The Royal Berksbire Hospital, Beading, widow of the late Harry Segot. Sadly missed by her son Jonathan and all her gamdchildrem, creat-grandchildrem, nicces, nephew and consins as well as all her many friends. Funeral Service at Mortlabs Crematorium on Friday 18th July 1997 at 12 noon. Only 1997 at 12 noon.

BERRY - Dean, died suddenly in Amman, jordan om july 1st, much loved father of Ame, Margaret, Glenn and Allson, past husband of Kethryn and fond partner of jedith A Memorial Service will be held in St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London on Wednesday 15th October at 12 noon. Letters to the family at 27 Pler 7, Charlestown, MA 02129, USA Doznároz if desired to SCOPE at 12 Park Crescent, London WIN 450 England.

BANGLEY - Julian suddenly and peacefully at Oxford on July 8th, much loved eldest son of Jim and Monica, father of of Jim and Monica, father of Thomasine and Eleanor, brother of Giles, Mark and Amenda, and devoted Friend of Oriena. Cremation private. Memorial Service will behald at St Mary's Church, North Leigh, men Winney, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 16th July. Family flowers only please.

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COMMANDER CHARLES ECKERSLEY-MASLIN

Commander Charles Eckersley-Maslin, OBE, naval aviator, died in Tasmania on June 21 aged %. He was born on June 13, 1901.

uring Charles Eckersley-Maslin's exceptionally adventurous life, he served in all three Services as well as the Royal Irish Constabulary during the "Troubles" of the 1920s. But it was his career as an aviator that was particularly notable. He piloted more than a hundred kinds of aircraft, ranging from various marks of Spitfire, the Beaufighter, Martlet and Hurricane to much earlier aircraft.

In 1918, lying about his age, he enlisted with the 51st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders under the name of Cameron, and he was soon in France. When he was wounded in the face losing several teeth, he was found to be under 17, and he was sent back to Bedford School, where he was treated with some awe.

Having passed for a commission but being rejected medically by both the Navy and the RAF, he did a year's me Jical study at St Thomas' Hospital b; fore, in search of a mure active life, aning the Royal Irish Constabulary as a driver. Stationed in Co Clare in 1919, "with the worst blackguards of the RIC - devout Catholics withal". Eckersley-Maslin drove a Crossley forry and then a Rolls-Royce armoured car. That year saw a sharp increase in the number of IRA attacks on the police, and no fewer than 27 army battalions were deployed to Ireland, rising to 40 in 1920. Echarsley-Maslin was twice blown up | landmines (being on the first octaion the only survivor of nine vicins), and took part in several ins against the IRA in an increasing violent and vengeful civil war, was awarded the RIC's gallantry

The RIC was disbanded in 1922 on the establishment of the Irish Free State. Eckersley-Maslin next went to Southern Rhodesia to join the British South African Mounted Police. Serving three years in Salisbury and Mashonaland, he was invalided out. having carned a mention in The Lancet for twice surviving blackwater fever.

With a Rhodesian passport, he joined the Royal Air Force on a fiveyear commission and was taught to fly at Abu Sueir in Egypt. Here. partnered by another, older, Bedfordian trainee pilot with many medals, he succeeded in paying his mess bill for some months out of winnings at bridge.

Posted to Karachi and an army cooperation squadron, and seeking to amass as many flying hours as possible in his five years, he trained as a test pilot. This gave him opportunities to ferry aircraft all round India and, for example, test-fly the new Westland Wapiti in various climates. While in the RAF's 28 Squadron, he flew the First World War Bristol Fighter in artillery spotting and photographic roles. As the resident member of the Court of the Guild of British Empire Test Pilots at Karachi, he met many of the famous round-the-world flyers of the 1920s such as Amy Johnson and Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. One of his refuellers was "Aircraftman T. E. Shaw" who was seeking to turn his back on his fame as Lawrence of

In 1932 Eckersley-Maslin rejected the offer of a further five years in the RAF, reasoning that age would prevent him from attaining higher rank, and he returned to England to take a job with Shanklin Aviation on the Isle of Wight. While ferrying passengers back and forth, he was once tipped fourpence with the words "buy yourself a cigar". He rose to be manager of Portsmouth airport, and



did a lot of flying for the press and with passengers to the Channel Islands, as well as test-flying the Airspeed Courier for its designer, Nevil Shute Norway, the novelist

Nevil Shute. In February 1939, he resigned his commission as a reserve squadron leader in the RAF and his job as chief pilot and manager of Ramsgate airport to join the Royal Navy as a lieutenant-commander in the Fleet Air Arm. He was posted to the

aircraft carrier Courageous and 811 Squadron for flying duties. He soon qualified in deck landing and cata-pulting, as well as learning to fly Walrus amphibians and the Gladiator biplane fighter.

In May 1939 he was sent out to the Far East as the flightdeck officer of the carrier Eagle, and he was in Singapore at the outbreak of war against Germany. By June 1940, Eagle had joined Admiral Cunning-ham's Mediterranean Fleet, taking

JOHN HODGSON

arts.

part in the early sweeps against the Italian Navy and playing a vital reconnaissance and attack role in the Battle of Calabria in July. Other Actions followed: two attacks on Tobruk by Eagle's aircraft caused the Italians to abandon the port, and in April 1941 the carrier's Swordfish

aircraft sank three destroyers. Promoted to commander. Eckersley-Masin left the Eagle shortly before she was sunk and returned to Britain, where his civilian aviation expertise was put to good use in command of a number of new airfields for the Fleet Air Arm. At one of these. HMS Raven near Southampton, his parachute officer was the actor and film star Ralph Richardson. Eckersley-Mastin recalled wry-ly. "We had little difficulty in getting Wrens for the training school." Wrens for the training school.

In 1943 he was promoted acting captain and sent to Gibraltar to take charge of all the naval air stations in the Mediterranean. Inspecting his parish" required many ambitious long-distance solo flights in a modified Beaufighter bomber and subsequently an American Baltimore.

At the end of the war, Eckersley-Maslin worked briefly in the Admirally, dealing with the design of airfields and flight deck equipment; but a desk job did not inhibit him from flying himself all over Britain in a variety of communications aircraft. Later, having reverted to the substantive rank of commander after the war, he was in command of the decklanding school in northern Scotland and, finally, HMS Simbang, the Navy's air station in Singapore during the Korean War.

He retired to Tasmania in 1953, becoming a hospital secretary and a JP. He married first, in India in 1927, Molly, whose son became a rearadmiral. This marriage was dissolved in 1939. His second wife, Claudine, and their two sons survive **ALLCHURCH**

Ivor Allehurch, MBE, Welsh soccer international, died on July 9 aged 67. He was born in Swansca on December 16, 1929.

MODEST to the point of being almost totally self-effacing, Ivor Allchurch gave the best years of his footballing life to the clubs of his native Wales. Since this at the time meant duty with Swansea Town and Cardiff City. not natural competitors in the big leagues, he never got the chance to compete for the top League and FA trophies which might well have been expected to fall to a player of his talents. Indeed, only 103 of the 694 league games he played were in Division One.

Yet his gifts were incomparable: he moved over the turf with balance and style on his elegant feet. He possessed a surge of pace that could take him past two and three opponents, generally to their total astonishment. His dribbling was mesmerising; his passing was a model of precision and he was capable of rounding off his moves with some of the fiercest shots on goal to be witnessed at any level of the

As it was, the 66 Welsh caps he garnered in an international playing career which lasted from 1950 to 1966 stood as a record until broken by Joey Jones of Wrexham, Liverpool and Chelsea, in 1986. In that time his 23 goals for Wales equalled the record then held by Trevor Ford. (This was to be broken by Ian Rush who surpassed the pair's joint record in 1993.)

Ivor John Allchurch was brought up in Swansea and joined Swansea Town FC (subsequently to be renamed Swansea City) in 1947 at the age of 18. National Service, which claimed him shortly afterwards, delayed his first team debut. As it was, he managed to get some football in with Shrewsbury during his two years with the Army, served substantially in the Brecon area and in the Welsh Marches.

But once he had played his first game in the senior side his quality made him almost immediately conspicuous. In-deed, he had only been playing a season for Swansea when the most powerful clubs in the Football League came after him with their chequebooks. He and Swansea managed to stand out against all these offers until

1958 when Newcastle United offered £27,000 for his services. It was then a considerable sum and one not to be resisted.

Allchurch remained with Newcastle for three years, but when they were relegated in 1961, he returned to Wales. joining Cardiff City. After another three seasons he moved back to Swansea, but they plummeted to the Fourth Division in 1967, and his final season in league football was spent playing at a level which hardly flattered his still superlative talents.

But Allchurch never grumbled. In his fifties he was still prepared to turn out for the lowliest teams, in any weather, simply for the love of the

Allchurch's international career began in the 1951-52 season during which he won four caps. Perhaps his best performance at that stage was in December 1951 when Wales beat a Rest of the United Kingdom team 3-2 at Ninian Park, Cardiff. Alichurch was on brilliant form that day. scoring two of the Welsh goals with cracking shots.

In 1958 he was to play a formative role in Wales's tremendous effort in the World Cup in Sweden. Not only did he inspire the side through his authority and dignity of bearing (as well as with his magnetic blond mop which always made him conspicuous on the pitch) but he scored the first of the goals in a 2-1 victory over Hungary which put Wales into the semi-finals. In their next game Wales lost only narrowly to the eventual winners, Brazil. Allchurch's last international season was 1965-66, in which he played a superb game against England at Ninian Park, and his final international match, against Scotland.

His departure from the game at the end of the 1967-68 season was widely regarded as removing from soccer not only a great talent, but a selfless sporting character who embodied the best qualities of association football.

He was appointed MBE in 1966 for his services to soccer and was inducted into the Weish Hall of Fame. Allchurch's brother Len also had a distinguished career for Swansea, playing alongside Ivor for Swansea and in a number of internationals for

by his wife Esme and by their



John Hodgson, theatre educator, died in London on June 11 aged 70. He was born in Newcastle on April 8, 1927.

VISITORS to the ruins of Kenilworth Castle, near Stratford-upon-Avon, twenty years ago may well remember coming upon thirty or more student actors in Elizabethan costumes re-enacting the visit of Elizabeth I. who spent 19 days there in 1575 being entertained by the Earl of Leicester. in dances, songs and an improvised play, the actors transformed the quiet site into

a swirling centre of activity, cheered on by spectators. Somewhere among the actors, also in costume and performing with them, was the director and initiator of this project. John Hodeson. At other times, his drama

students from Bretton Hall College in Yorkshire experienced medieval theatre by recreating miracle and mystery plays at the ruins of Fountains Abbey and Rievaulx Abbey. or by performing on the site of Burton Agnes, an Elizabethan house in Yorkshire, or at the Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, near Bromsgrove.

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At Bretton, he developed a degree in theatre arts that attracted international attention for its emphasis on practical work in five major areas of study: acting, directing, history, criticism and participation. Later he created a degree in community theatre, which was also validated by the of Leeds in the early 1980s; that, too, emphasised self-discovery and exploration of subjects in performance, rather than in classroom lectures or demonstrations. This was something other than the traditional

Hodgson's "immersion me-

thod", as one student from

New York University called it,

even required students to dine

on authentic foods of each

historical period. Re-enact-ment, he believed, was the

most effective way to explore

and remember history, as well

as to master the performing

Beatie Edney, and the playwright John Godber. In a 45-year career that included study of theatre arts throughout the United Kingdom, in Russia, Canada and the United States, Hodgson developed his way of teaching the theory of acting through practice, and academic subjects through performance. At various times he worked alongside Tyrone Guthrie,

Brian Clarke, Charles Maro-

"reading" for a degree. Among

his Bretton graduates are the

actors Malcolm Storrey and

witz and Jonathan Miller. He held posts in several academic and professional institutions, which allowed him to test his ideas. He was Fellow in Drama at the University of Manchester; deputy principal at the Old Vic Theatre School; an adjunct professor in the programme in educational theatre at New York University: tutor in acting at Leeds University, and for two decades, head of the faculty of performance arts at

Bretton Hall College. Between 1972 and 1989, more than 600 American graduate students attended summer courses at Bretton under the auspices of New York University's overseas study programme. Many of

THE LATE BARON STOCKMAR

A telegraphic despatch yesterday an-nounced the death, at Coburg, in his 77th

year, of Baron Stockmar, the earliest and

Baron Stockmar had been a faithful attendant and companion of Prince Leopold of

Saxe-Coburg, even before the marriage of his

Royal Highness with the Princess Charlotte: and when his establishment was formed in

England Baron Stockmar was appointed

Controller of the Household. He continued

the friend of Prince Leopold after he accepted

the throne of Belgium, though he was no

longer in attendance on him, and at intervals

he passed much of his time in England, where he enjoyed the confidence of the Duchess of

Kent to an unlimited extent. In these days of

her early childhood the Queen's friendship

for, and confidence in Baron Stockmar

began, and continued without interruption to

Before the marriage of Prince Albert with

the Queen his Royal Highness employed the autumn of 1838-39 in a tour in Italy, and

Baron Stockmar was requested by the King of

most devoted friend of Her Majesty.

today's leading theatre educators in America received their training and degrees through this specialised study. Most notably, the creative arts team of New York University, the oldest and largest theatre-ineducation company in the United States, was directly inspired by Hodgson's teachings and his annual visits. A fellowship there is to be named in his honour.

Hodgson was at the centre of the Theatre-in-Education movement in Great Britain as it spread in the early 1970s, writing extensively in various educational journals. He was also the mentor of a pioneering company created by former Bretton students, Perspectives at the Peterborough Theatre. Hodgson began his teach-

ing after graduating from Oxford, and soon attracted attention with the publication of Improvisation, which he wrote with Ernest Richards. As improvisation came under scrutiny and began to be used by directors such as Jerzy Grotowski and Charles Marowitz, this book became a basic text for classroom practice. In the early 1970s Uses of Drama firmly established Hodgson as a leader of theatre education. in it, he made many connections between drama and learning, and suggested aims for drama study that are still pursued by many researchers today.

His fascination with the career of the German choreographer and movement theorist Rudolf Laban led to a lifelong quest to collect his designs, manuscripts and private correspondence, which he planned to use in a full-length biography, though this was left un-finished at his death. Two shorter works, however, were completed: Rudolf Laban, written with Valeria Preston Dunlop, and Mastering Movement, which is soon to be published.

His Laban archive will become available to other scholars who plan to complete his work. The remainder of his papers on theatre and education will be given to Oxford University. He never married.



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NEWS

SAS kill war crime suspects

SAS soldiers shot dead an indicted war criminal and arrested another as part of a new tough stand against men accused of genocide and crimes against humanity in Bosnia.

It was the first time that troops in the Nato-led peacekeeping force had sought out wanted men and the operation, codenamed Tango, came after a clear signal from the Nato summit in Madrid on Tuesday that more determined action was needed Pages 1, 16, 17

Brown defends Bank's interest rate rise

■ Millions of homeowners face another rise in mortgage costs after the Bank of England made the third consecutive monthly rise in interest rates. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, who handed control of rates to the Bank shortly after the election. defended its action... Pages 1, 27

BA ultimatum

British Airways told 1,700 workers who have called in sick in the past three days that they must report illnesses to managers or they will be regarded as being on strike.....

Crash hero

A schoolgirl injured in the coach crash in the French Alps described trying to save her best friend, who was killed in the accident.... ... Page 2

Commons men

Four Tory Cabinet ministers who lost seats at the general election including Michael Portillo, Michael Forsyth and Malcolm Rifkind - have turned down the offer of life peerages in John Major's resignation honours list Page 2

Neanderthal no more

Genetic analysis has shown that modern human beings are not descended from Neanderthal Man, proving the contention that Neanderthal Man was an evolutionary dead-end......Page 3

Wedding ban

A dergyman wants to exclude young children from weddings, saying they misbehave and trivialise the vows......Page 7

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Guilt claim Tracie Andrews, accused of the roadside murder of her fiance, tried to kill herself after his death because she was "consumed with

guilt", a court was told Page 8

In the pink

Salmon have been found in the River Medway, in Kent, for the first time in living memory, a sign of the species's remarkable recovery across BritainPage 11

Paedophiles lose

Police were right to warn people when two convicted paedophiles moved into their area, the High Court ruled..... Channel fear

Holidaymakers, swimmers and

fishermen were banned from the waters of the English Channel around the La Hague nuclear reprocessing plant in northern

Morality test

Robin Cook met the first test of his new "moral" foreign policy when he faced demands from the East Timorese leadership that Britain cancel agreements to supply arms to indonesia Page 16 Kenya strike plan

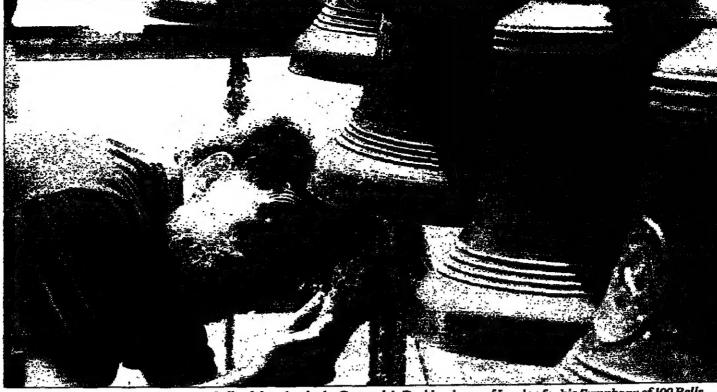
Kenya's opposition vowed to step up pressure on President Moi

with a general strike this month and a day of mourning for those killed in demonstrations Page 18 Shell returns

Less than two years after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the human rights activist, and eight fellow campaigners. Shell is preparing a phased return to the oilrich enclave of Ogoniland in southern Nigeria...... Page 19

Angry 'country' invades the capital

Not since Wat Tyler and his band bore down on the capital has there been such an invasion of town by country. But the 100,000 demonstrators who filled Hyde Park were no peasants' revolt but countrymen and women whose anger at what they believe are threats to their traditional way of life has burnt slowly but is now well and truly ablazePages L 4



Llorenç Barber tonight conducts the bells of churches in the Greenwich-Dockland area of London for his Symphony of 100 Bells

Business

Bad practice: Hambros, the merchant bank involved in the £1.2 billion takeover bid for the Co-op, admitted the conduct of some staff fell well short of standards of good business practice"......Page 27 Maxwell bills: A judge condemned as shameful figures that show Robert Maxwell's El.6 million estate will be swallowed up in receivers' and solicitors' fees if bills are allowed in fullPage 27 Economy: The City shrugged off the quarter-point interest rate rise but markets face a volatile month Page 27 Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 5.4 points to close at 4767.8, Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 104.1 to 103.8 after a rise from \$1.6853 to

\$1,6875 but a fall from DM2.9695 to

DM2.9555

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Hugby union: The struggle for control of rugby in England reaches a crucial stage today with the opposing factions ready to do battle at the annual meeting Pages 48, 49, 52 Cricket: With the defeat of the holders and the favourites in the NatWest Trophy, the draw for the quarter-finals takes on an unusual

Equestrianism: Guy Goosen won the opening Royal International Chase at the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead on his third-string horse, Carat...Page 50 Cycling: Cedric Vasseur, Chris Boardman's GAN team-mate, produced a brave solo ride to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France and take the leader's yellow ...Page 47 Page 30 | jersey...

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Wales and western areas should soon become very warm with suriny periods, but with a slightly greater chance of a late the collection.

Prized designs: Richard Meier, the American architect whose £500 million Getty Centre in Los Angeles opens in December, has won the world's biggest architecture

Cheltenham firsts: Six world premieres in an evening proved too much even for audiences at the Cheltenham Festival Page 35

Pop on Friday: Caitlin Moran on the secret of Oasis's success; David Sindair reviews UB40's latest; and Paul Sexton assesses the implications of EMI buying Motown's back-catalogue Pages 36, 37 Irish discovery: With the Royal Court production of his The Weir.

Conor McPherson confirmed a reputation as one of Ireland's best young playwrights.....Page 38

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Shilling Inheritance: The Duchess of Northumberland talks about inheriting Syon House, one of England's grandest estates Page 21 Oddfather: For 27 years, the man New York newspapers called "the Oddfather" has dodged murder and racketeering charges by claiming to be crazy. Now Vincent

EDUCATION Back in form: Nicolette Jones attends a school reunion and finds that though times may change,

much _____ from an independent school rethe years Page 41

It is America alone which is currently redefining the political and strategic architecture of Europe. The engine of European construction is no longer the Franco-

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have been wiped out," writes Jane

Gigante is on trial Page 21

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After the party

The proclaimed purpose of Nato enlargement is to create webs of security. Woven at Madrid were webs of duplicity......Page 23

Special victory

George Robertson spoke for the nation when he expressed British pride in the SAS operation to arrest two indicted war criminals in BosniaPage 23

A slippery business

If Lord Simon absented himself from anything touching his former company, he would be emasculated Page 23 in his job.....

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PETER RIDDELL

Imposing the [Finance Bill] guillotine is not only indicative of ministers' executive-minded arrogance. but has implications spreading beyond Westminster Page 10

MATTHEW PARRIS

Sunday afternoon I was unable to find any national newspaper in my Derbyshire village shop. That morning pictures of the surface of Mars had become available. Nothing sells newsprint like a good picture.....

JOHN LLOYD

Tony Blair is fully and passionately engaged (in the crisis in Northern Ireland crisis]. But it is with the passion of the rationalist who can do no more than appeal to partisans in trenches to rise above ancient feudsPage 22

DAVID HART

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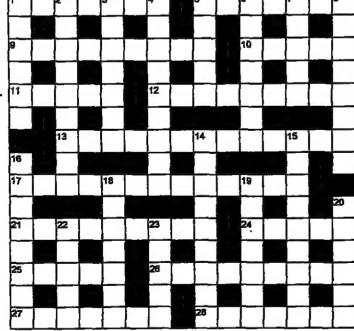
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ACROSS

I Entertainment consisting of nude in exotic act (7).

5 Seizes animals without hesitation

9 Eliminating mirth on Sunday, primarily (9). 10 Special issue more than usually wide, perhaps (5).

11 Hand-picked by old lags. it sounds like a corker (5). 12 Anthropoid creature mauling Argonaut before Jason's end (5-4).

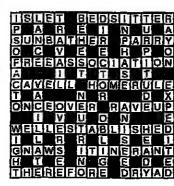
13 Run of success in nudists' sports? (7.6).17 Distorter of language? It's hard to

say (6-7). 2 21 Air of a love-form usherette? (5.4). 24 Southern town in extremes of

winter is more dry (5).

25 Some strive to join (5).

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26 To expand range of products in recession I would use metres (9). 27 Erupting hurls up stuff found round volcano (7).

28 Find lodging outside university

I Regular trade convention (6). 2 Australian flier seen to wander

idly under jet (5,4). 3 Body of soldiers detailed for course of exercise (7).

4 Permanent marker in military display is on time (9). 5 Tiara is fashionable in these courts (5).

6 Trickery showing discourtesy to audience (7).

7 Trebles' entry after second note in anthem (5). 8 Marine creature sank with ease when disturbed (3.5).

14 Castigation for changing one's religion (5-4). 15 Satellite, one of the first up (5,4).

18 Divorce a French jerk (7).

22 Become entangled with composer 23 Discipline in class (5).

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16 Figures are about right for heights (8). 19 In direction of signseen in hospital? (7). 20 A spur for coastal conservation

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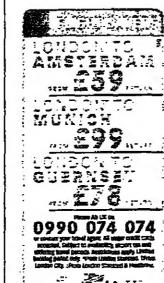
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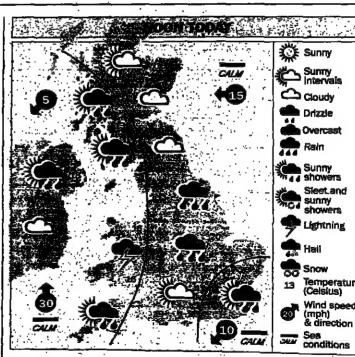
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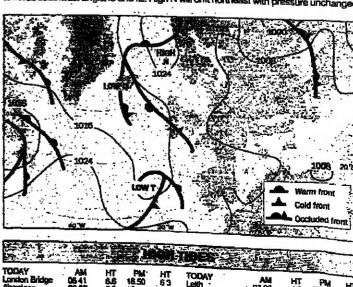
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